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LAURA KASISCHKE is the author of two collections of poems, most recently The Aftermath and Snow, or Clouds. Her fourth collection, twenty-one, is a collection of short stories. This film adaptation of her novel The Life Before Her Eyes, starring Uma Thurman and Evan Rachel Wood, was praised by The New York Times as "twines a seam where wounds are remembered, frayed, stretching, and transforming the consciousness into the luminous real. "The setting of poetry in its own regard," she says in an interview, "is so ancient and sacred and strange. These qualities are transferred throughout her work." The intimate essence of her poems, "a meditative intimacy to enfold the confusions of different atmospheres and scenes," which may be why her fellow review Stephen Rodriguez describes her work as "the poet of high school cliques and terminal wards observed"—the Sage truly spans from birth to death.

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