



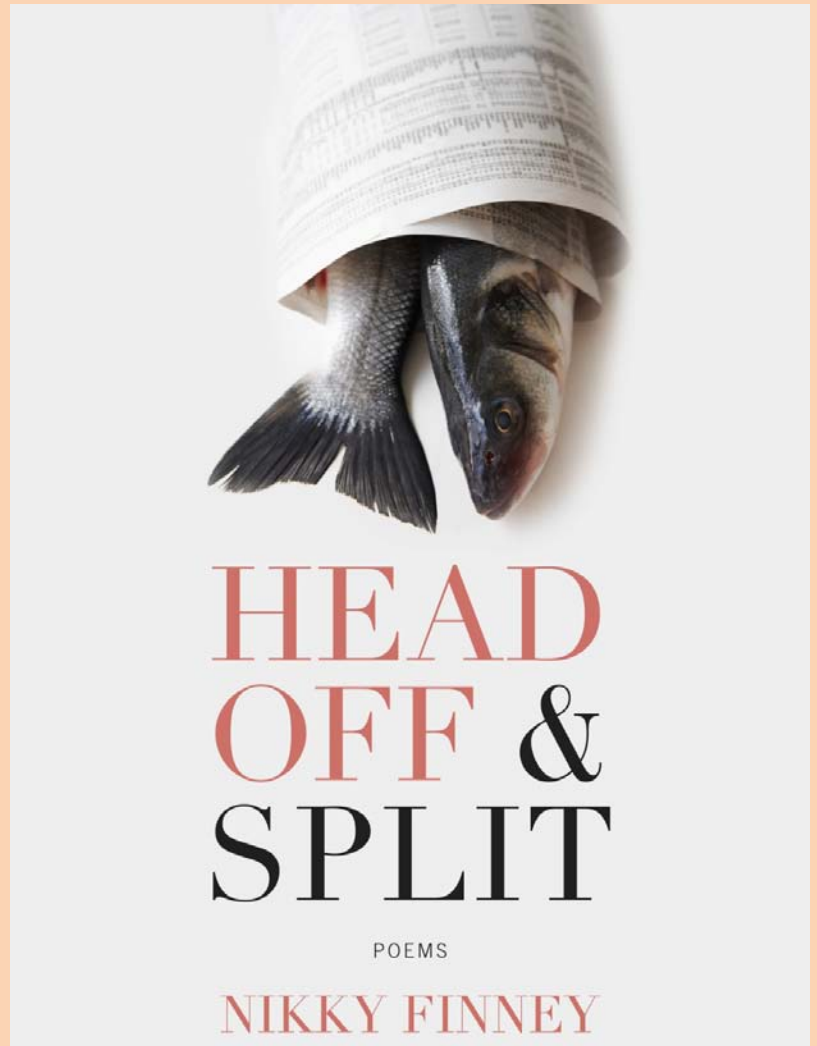
JOIN NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRESS FOR A CELEBRATION READING OF *HEAD OFF & SPLIT*

“Nikky Finney has been a fine poet much too long to say that this latest treasure is her promise coming into being. She exploded with so much talent with *On Wings Made of Gauze* and beautifully matured with *Rice*, yet *Head Off & Split* takes the promise of youth with the control of adulthood to bring her greatest exploration. Honest, searing, searching. We all, especially now, need this book of poems; we all, especially now, need this poet.”

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Howard University - Armour J. Blackburn University Center,

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for a celebration reading and signing of *Head Off & Split: Poems* by Nikky Finney.
A special introduction by Poet Tony Medina**

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