



Advance Praise

for *The World of a Few Minutes Ago*

“Jack Driscoll is Michigan’s national treasure, our state secret and seer, who knows everything about us, our stars ‘agliter like. . . flecks of mica’ above our stale marriages and illusions of our own toughness, our wild women and our men carefully backing away from them, our lost or flown children, our broken hearts and homophobia, our snows, barrooms, and secretive waterways, our underachievers of every description. Thank God we have a new collection from Driscoll to ponder in these hard times or how we would we know ourselves? His ruthless honesty, as always, is a comfort.”

—Jaimy Gordon

“Reading Jack Driscoll’s *The World a Few Minutes Ago* feels like a trip through a museum of portraits, each story a finely observed and carefully rendered life as distilled in a telling moment. This writer knows not only what makes people tick, but how to turn the reader’s eye to the most salient and stirring instant of recognition.”

—Antonya Nelson

“Jack Driscoll has long been one of this country’s best short story writers, and this book confirms it. Each enthralling story in *The World of a Few Minutes Ago* is filled with lyrical energy and vivid insight. A marvelous, show-stopping performance.”

—Brady Udall

“Jack Driscoll’s insight into ‘the complex repertoire of human grief’ and his empathy for characters confronted with ‘the debris of human misery’ is singular. We encounter many of his characters—skittish and sometimes feeling forsaken—looking back over the trail of their lives and trying to plan a workable future in the wake of some kind of bad accident. Strung out as they are between desire and despair, they have in Driscoll their deft and savvy guardian.”

—Barry Lopez

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