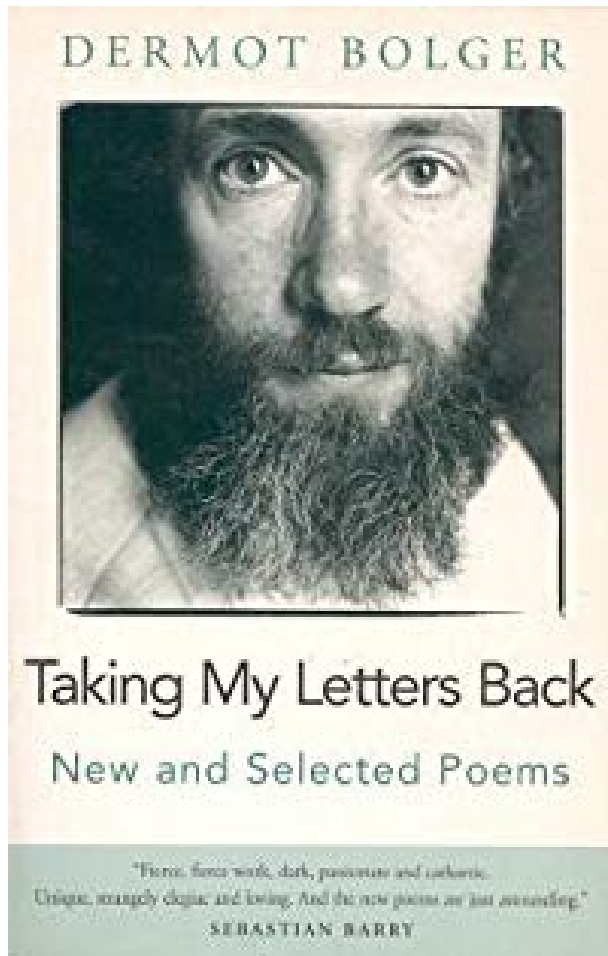


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Books Ireland described Bolger's poetry as having "an abrasive brilliance, energy, economy and frankness, and musical quality". Combining poetry of lament and celebration, ghost voices and love poems, Taking My Letters Back completes the missing piece in that tapestry which has been the work of one of Ireland's most distinctive writers over the past two decades. Dermot Bolger has published fiction, essays, and plays, and the highly regarded memoir, A Goat's Song.