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# Full Count

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### About the Author

**Frank Messina** is one of the most widely recognized poets in America. He has appeared on SNY-TV, the station that broadcasts Mets games, in video montages that feature him reciting his poetry against the visual backdrop of glorious moments in Mets baseball.

Messina has authored four books of poetry including the well-received *Disorderly Conduct*, which Pulitzer Prize winning poet Alan Dugan referred to as "an important work...deep in the American present." His work is published in the *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Paterson Literary Review*, *Oxford Magazine*, the *New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated*. Messina is a recipient of the *Woolrich Poetry Award and Fellowship of Columbia University* and was nominated for the *1995 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award*. He currently lives in Jersey City, NJ.

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