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“Mr. Greene's descriptions have the clarity one would expect from a poet, whether sketching the striped young boars, called marcassins, playing rough and tumble while looked over by the older sows, or recounting an old boar's happy mud bath. . . . A fascinating portrait of rural France and its cherished rites emerges as Mr. Greene negotiates the intricacies of la France profonde.... Eclectic to the end, Mr. Greene provides recipes too.”

—*Wall Street Journal*

“A truly fascinating, lucidly written, informative, entertaining, and valuable contribution to the growing canon of pig literature, or even of literature in general.”

—**William Hedgepeth, author of *The Hog Book***

THE GOLDEN-BRISTLED BOAR
Award-Winning Poet Jeffrey Greene Goes in Search
of the Elusive Wild Beast of the Forest

When Jeffrey Greene purchased an eighteenth-century home in the countryside of Burgundy, the first gift he expected was not a hefty side of bristled wild boar from a neighbor. Yet this gift, along with a dramatic early-morning encounter with a boar-hunting party and its prey, launched a years-long fascination with this ferocious beast of the forest.

In **THE GOLDEN-BRISTLED BOAR: The Last Ferocious Beast of the Forest (April 2011; UVA Press)**, Greene takes us on an international journey in search of the history and current reality of wild boar. Heading from his home in France to Sardinia, Corsica, Tuscany, and all the way to the American South, Greene meets with hunters, chefs (who share their recipes), museum curators, scientists, and inhabitants of European chateaux who for generations have shared the ancient countryside with boars. The result is an unforgettable journey filled with wonders and discoveries about these majestic animals the poet Robinson Jeffers called “beautiful monsters.”

Jeffrey Greene is the author of *French Spirits: A House, a Village, and a Love Affair with Burgundy* and *Water from Stone: The Story of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve*. A widely published poet, he is the recipient of the Samuel French Morse Poetry Prize and the Randall Jarrell Award in Poetry. He teaches at the American University of Paris.