



**Kim (Freilich) Dower** (City Poet Laureate of West Hollywood from October 2016 – October 2018) has published five highly acclaimed collections of poetry all from Red Hen Press. Her most recent book, the bestselling, *I Wore This Dress Today for You, Mom*, an Eric Hoffer Book Award Finalist, was called a “fantastic collection” by *The Washington Post*, “impressively insightful, thought-provoking, and truly memorable” by *The Midwest Book Review* and *Shelf-Awareness* said, “These gorgeous gems are energized by the sheer power of her wit and irreverent style.” *Air Kissing on Mars*, Kim’s first collection, was described by the *Los Angeles Times* as, “sensual and evocative . . . seamlessly combining humor and heartache.” *Slice of Moon* was called “unexpected and sublime,” by “O” magazine, *Last Train to the Missing Planet*, “poems that speak about the grey space between tragedy and tenderness, memory and loss, fragility and perseverance,” said Richard Blanco, and *Sunbathing on Tyrone Power’s Grave*, won the 2020 Independent Publishers Book Award Gold Medal for Poetry. Kim’s work has been featured in numerous literary journals including *Plume*, *Ploughshares*, *Rattle*, *The James Dickey Review*, and Garrison Keillor's "The Writer's Almanac," and her poems are included in several anthologies, notably, *Wide Awake: Poets of Los Angeles and Beyond*. She teaches poetry workshops for Antioch University, UCLA Extension Writer’s Program, and the West Hollywood Library. Born and raised on the Upper West Side of New York City, and a graduate of Emerson College in Boston, Kim is also the proud owner of [Kim-from-L.A.](#), long-standing literary publicity company that helps authors around the country get the word out about their wonderful books.