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EZRA POUND was born in a frontier community in Idaho in 1885, and he was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and Hamilton College. His first book of poems was published in 1908 in Venice, and since then he has published over ninety volumes of poetry, criticism and translation, particularly the translation of poetry. As an editor and organizer of magazines, he has had great influence on the poetry and criticism of our time. While a young poet, Pound lived in London, in the 1920's in Paris, and since then he has considered Italy his home. He returned there in 1958 after fourteen years spent in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington. Elsewhere in this volume is a list of Pound's works in print and published by New Directions, who have been his publishers since 1937. His major poetic work, *The Cantos*, began appearing in 1917, and the latest section of it, Numbers 96 to 109, was published in 1959 under the title *Thrones*.

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