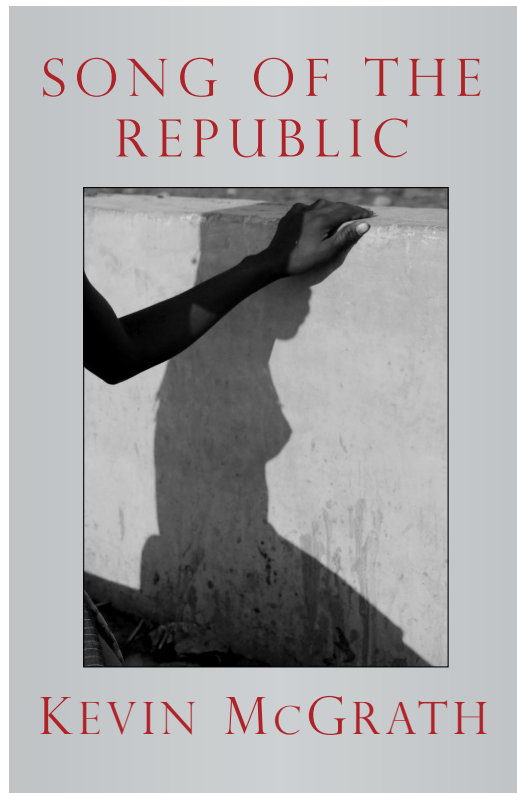**Houston, Texas – August 7, 2020 – Press Release:** Saint Julian Press is proud to announce a new book of poetry. *SONG OF THE REPUBLIC,* by author Kevin McGrath, which will be published on October 2, 2020.

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