Ben Belitt

Poet, translator, and professor Ben Belitt was born in New York City in 1911. He earned degrees from the University of Virginia and taught for many years at Bennington College in Vermont. He won numerous awards during his life, including fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, and awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Sometimes described as one of the neglected masters of 20th century American poetry, his poetry is often characterized as ornate, baroque, privileging sound over sense.