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Periphery

An Interview with A. R. Ammons

by Doug Abrams

In theory this interview was supposed to be very informal, with a minimum of structure; however, to get to the point, I got involved with the conversation and abandoned the note-taking necessary to write on an informal format. I apologize to all who are offended by such rank amateurism and I can only

is most unique about Mr. Ammons, outside of his enormous writing talent, is his powerful sincerity. He is the kind of man who is as comfortable talking about the World Series as about the role of the poet in modern society. And all that he does has a personal flare that combines true greatness with humility. We