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## My Favorite Baltimore Books of 2019

Through literature this year, we've taken journeys to learn more about our world and city.

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### *Intrusive Beauty*

**Joseph J. Capista (Ohio University Press)**

Contemporary poetry rarely has a melodic cadence, as rhythmic poetry is somehow considered unsophisticated. But Joseph J. Capista doesn't shy away from the joys of rollicking through language's innate richness of sound, as he weaves narratives about Baltimore, life as a husband and father, and the elegance of the natural world. The Towson University professor has the ability to see beauty in all places, and through his observations, he allows us to see it, too.