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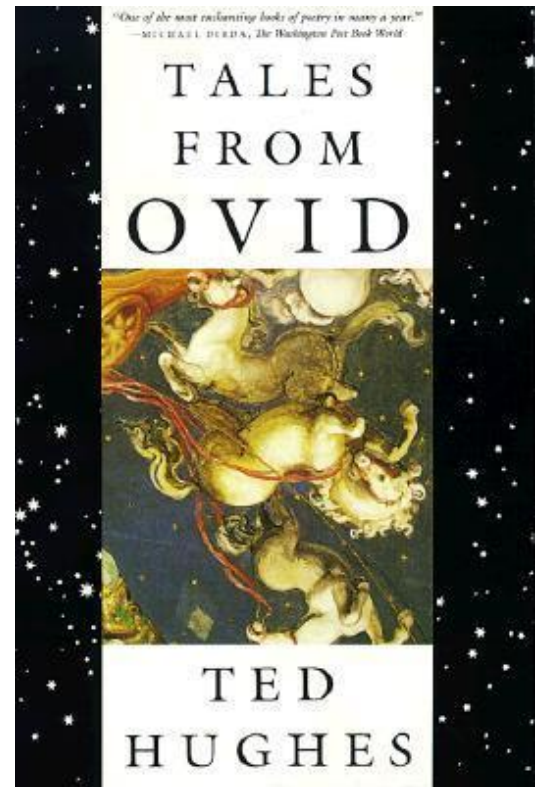
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About Ted Hughes

Ted Hughes was Poet Laureate of England and the author of many books of poetry. His works include *Phedre*, *Birthday Letters*, and *Oresteia of Aeschylus*, among others. He died in 1998.

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