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Warwick's "Humming Words: A Collection of Poetry" (book review)

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Book Reviews



Warwick, N. (2018). *Humming words: A collection of poetry*. Belleville, Ontario, Canada: Guardian Books. 112 pp. \$18.99. ISBN 9781460009208

This delightful book of poetry covers a variety of topics from nature to spirituality. There are poems on lighthearted children's themes ("I Dream I am a Daisy"), there are poems on divorce and rejection ("Jagged Torn Heart"), and difficult decisions ("Raw Words"). Reading this book brings a full spectrum of emotions to the reader. I wept the first time I read it. Be prepared to experience the highs and lows of life in each piece!

Warwick's styles of poetry are fascinating, and make this book truly stand out from other poetry collections. A number of poems create shapes ("The Chalice" and "Entwined Rings of Gold"), while others build off of other words, almost like a crossword puzzle ("Stars Forward"). The concepts are international in scope, from Africa ("Africa's Broken Heart") to Canada, where the book was published ("Empowered Hearts, Eh!"). Deeply devotional pieces grace the pages, such as "God's Awesome Word" and "Grafted."

All of the poems are in alphabetical order by title, and are not indexed by topic, the only downside of this book. The book is perfect to read straight through, as the styles and topics are mixed together in a glorious way. This collection of poetry, appropriate for adults of all ages, is highly recommended for personal and library collections.

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