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Poems

By Judith Robbins



Synopsis

Judith Robbins' poems are vivid, funny, sometimes shocking, always moving. Reading these poems, you find yourself in hardscrabble working class Worcester of the post-war era, the dark places between the tripledeckers; or you're plopped down into the unpredictable weather of inland Maine. Wherever the poems take you, the light gets in. Family, place, heritage, language: these poems bring all those things together in moments and memories that again and again give us glimpses of haven (and heaven). Jane Costlow, Griffith Professor of Environmental Studies at Bates College

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Poetry isn't mean to be read page after page, such as a novel, or nonfiction book. This book shows you how to read poetry. Open it, read a poem; think about it. Close the book. Then think about it some more. Ms. Robbins captures both a specific time and place in New England. She also manages to capture human experience that is timeless. Read her words. They are amazing.

Heart-warming and heart-breaking, this collection of poems, many previously published, marks the emergence of a first-class, quintessentially American poet, who has captured moments in her life and that of others she has known, and has expressed what those moments meant to her in language that is touching, agonized and sometimes honestly sentimental. Her straightforward, unadorned, but heart-felt, poetry is refreshingly direct and deeply affecting. Only 70 pages, but we can hope for more to come.

Excellent, poignant almost a memoir. The people and emotions come to life.

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