

The Home of Verse: An Exploration of Volume 22 of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Poetry Series



Poetry, an art form that captivates hearts and minds, holds the power to transport readers to worlds unknown, evoke profound emotions, and

illuminate the complexities of human experience. In the literary landscape, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Poetry Series has long been a beacon of poetic excellence, showcasing the works of both established and emerging voices. Volume 22 of this prestigious series, titled "The Home of Verse," stands as a testament to the enduring power and beauty of poetry.

An Oasis of Poetic Gems

"The Home of Verse" is a treasure trove of literary delight, featuring a diverse collection of poems that explore a wide range of themes, styles, and perspectives. From introspective musings on love and loss to vibrant depictions of nature's wonders, the poems in this volume paint a vibrant tapestry of human emotion and experience.



The Home Book of Verse — Volume 1

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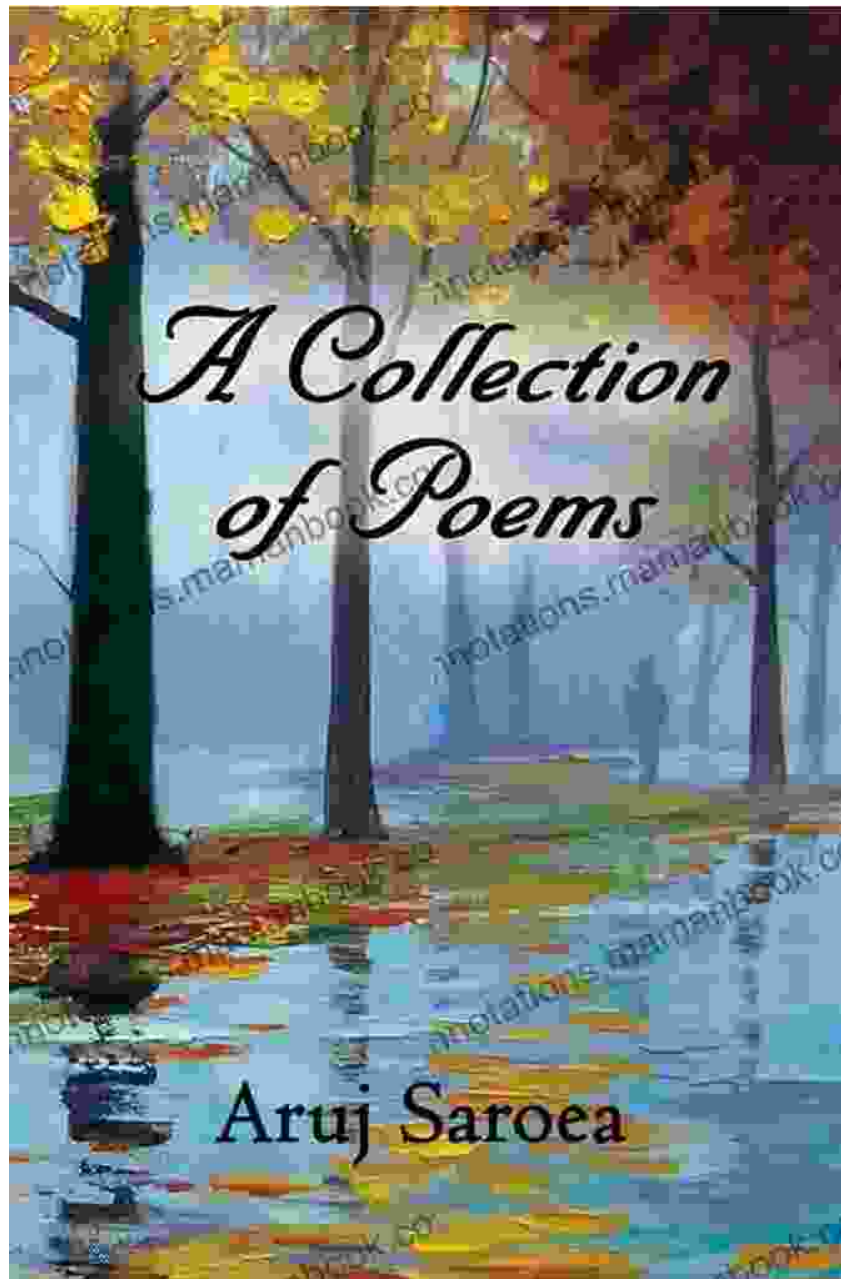
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Each poem is a carefully crafted gem, meticulously chosen by guest editor Jane Hirshfield, a renowned poet and essayist. Hirshfield's discerning eye has assembled a collection that showcases the breadth and depth of contemporary poetry, introducing readers to both familiar and new voices.

Exploring the Poetic Landscape

Among the many highlights of "The Home of Verse" is the section titled "A Place of Belonging," which features poems that delve into the search for identity and a sense of home. Poets such as Li-Young Lee, Carolyn Kizer, and Wislawa Szymborska explore the complexities of belonging, both within oneself and within the wider world.



The volume also includes a section titled "The Poetry of Witness," which showcases poems that bear witness to the social and political realities of our time. Poets such as Tracy K. Smith, A.E. Stallings, and Dorianne Laux use their words to illuminate issues of race, gender, and injustice, challenging readers to confront the complexities of the world around them.



The voice is clean. Has heft. Like stones
Dropped in still water, or tossed
One after the other at a low wall.
Chipping away at what pushes back.
Not always making a dent, but keeping at it.
And the silence around it is a door
Punched through with light. A garment
That attests to breasts, the privacy
Between thighs. The body is what we lean toward,
Tensing as it darts, dancing away.
But it's the voice that enters us. Even
Saying nothing. Even saying nothing
Over and over absently to itself.

Poetic Voices of Our Time

"The Home of Verse" is not only a celebration of the art of poetry but also a platform for emerging voices. The volume features several poems by promising young poets, such as Ocean Vuong, Rachel McKibbens, and James Richardson. These poets bring fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to the art form, showcasing the vitality and dynamism of contemporary poetry.



The inclusion of these emerging voices is a testament to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's commitment to fostering the development and appreciation of poetry. By providing a platform for both established and emerging poets, "The Home of Verse" ensures the continued flourishing of this beloved art form.

The Enduring Legacy of Poetry

Poetry, an art form that has been passed down through generations, continues to captivate and inspire readers worldwide. "The Home of Verse" Volume 22 is a testament to the enduring legacy of poetry, showcasing the power of words to evoke emotions, explore human experiences, and connect hearts across time and cultures.



Whether you are a seasoned poetry enthusiast or a curious reader seeking to discover the beauty of the written word, "The Home of Verse" Volume 22 is a treasure to be cherished. Its diverse collection of poems offers something for every reader, inviting you on a journey of literary exploration and delight.

"The Home of Verse" Volume 22 is a masterpiece of contemporary poetry, a testament to the enduring power and beauty of the written word. Its diverse collection of poems explores a wide range of themes, styles, and perspectives, showcasing the breadth and depth of human experience.

As you delve into the pages of "The Home of Verse," you will find yourself transported to worlds both familiar and unknown, moved by the exquisite craftsmanship of language, and inspired by the timeless insights that poetry offers. In the words of poet Edward Hirsch, "Poetry is a way of remembering the world." May "The Home of Verse" become a cherished companion on your own literary journey, reminding you of the richness and wonder that surround us.



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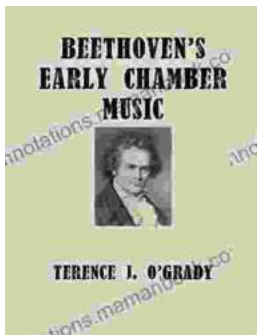
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