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Made In Detroit: Poems

MARGE PIERCY

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Synopsis

A treasure trove of new poems by one of our most sought-after poets: poems that range from descriptions of the Detroit of her childhood to her current life on Cape Cod, from deep appreciations of the natural world to elegies for lost friends and relationships, from a vision of her Jewish heritage to a hard-hitting take on today's political ironies. In her trademark style, combining the sublime with the gritty, Marge Piercy describes the night she was born: "the sky burned red / over Detroit and sirens sharpened their knives. / The elms made tents of solace over grimy / streets and alley cats purred me to sleep." • She writes in graphic, unflinching language about the poor, banished now by politicians because they are no longer "cereal people like corporations." • There are elegies for her peer group of poets, gone now, whose work she cherishes but from whom she cannot help but want more. There are laments for the suicide of dolphins and for her beloved cats, as she remembers "exactly how I loved each." • She continues to celebrate Jewish holidays in compellingly original ways and sings praises of her marriage and the small pleasures of daily life. This is a stunning collection that will please those who already know Marge Piercy's work and offer a splendid introduction to it for those who don't.

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Customer Reviews

I bought the book because it had great a review in the NY Times, and I really liked her non-poetry book "Storm Tide." I don't know what to say about a collection of poetry. Personally, I really like Carl Sandberg and Gary Snyder. Fifty years ago I had friends that really liked the poems of Rainer Maria Rilke, but I could make no connection with them. That tells you something about my appreciation for poetry. Piercy's 'The street that was' does connect with me. I too have returned to the Kansas City where I grew up and my memories can make find no familiarity in the places I knew then, just as the Detroit homes she remembers are not there now. I live near the East coast now. Growing up I never saw Wisteria. Now, as I hit these keys, it is starting to bloom. I like the shade of blue it displays. 'Wisteria can pull down a house' shows me why gardeners must constantly work and plan, and the garden plants may probably outlast the gardener. I read 'Why did the palace of excess have cockroaches?' and laugh. I think Piercy now has the correct view on the hedonistic 60's. But the picture on the book jacket!?! I love books. I love libraries. P L E A S E ! someone tell me the picture on the jacket is a painting, or photoshopped. Please, this cannot be reality in Detroit today. Or perhaps it is the reality of Detroit as only art can reveal.

I've been a huge fan of Marge Piercy since I read "Vida" years ago. Like all of her poetry it's down to earth but strikes a cord at the same time. She great at making mental images.

Love Marge and love the prompt service getting her words to me, thank you.

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