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Born in the Year of the Butterfly Knife Details

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Paige says

This is the first poetry book I've ever read in my 23 years on this planet. All I can say is I liked it, but I'm not sure I understood it. I think that's what poetry is supposed to do though.

Jennifer says

My absolute favorite book of poetry.

Meesh says

Brilliant anthology. My favorite poems are "Angels that Leak," "A Finger & Two Dots" & "To the Lightning Teachers."

Love him!

Chris LaMay-West says

If you like things that burn with truth and are unafraid to look ugly in the process, Brown's poetry might be for you. The rest of my review can be found here: <http://chris-west.blogspot.com/2012/0...>

Peacegal says

This book caught my attention thanks to its awesome title. Most of the poetry is entertaining, but I think the author may be trying to be too trendy for his own good. From the Tarantino-esque cover to the rock-star credentials, this book seems to be just dying to be stuffed in a hipster's messenger bag.

Laura says

Derrick Brown is awesome! Google him- find his job as a weather man- funny!

Black Elephants says

Before lending me this book, my poetry friend prepped me for the world of Derrick Brown by making me read an offering not in it, "Cotton in the Air." Stunned by the poetic voice in that poem, I couldn't wait to dive deep into this compilation of the works of Derrick Brown.

Overall, I enjoyed certain poems. When I thought Brown dipped too deeply in the well of the surreal and absurd, I would read a surreal and absurd poem that I loved. When Brown stirred around the memories of his own life, I would suddenly find myself equally intrigued. But my attention had its peaks and valleys.

Some favorites are "You My Dear Are a Very Special Starfish" in which the commencement speaker of a future generation of Mars graduates gives advice and two poems in which I can't remember the titles—his first successful one and the one in the airport.

Janet says

The book that won me over to the Derrick Brown cult here in So. Cal, the spoken-word shaman of low-rent high romance, word and love drunk. I'm addicted to Derrick Brown. He's bypassed the too-cool ironic stance of many a young hipster and gone straight for the real flowing blood--yet he's funny enough for standup.

Ryan Schumacher says

I can't say that I'm a big poetry fan. But I was given this book by a friend, and most of the poems were fantastic. Brown is so current and relatable. Just little stories about love, death, success and failure. My only problem with this book, and maybe poetry in general, is when I just don't understand what the author is talking about in some of the poems. Maybe I'm just not smart enough to understand the imagery or metaphors behind the meaning, or maybe it was intentionally vague, but some poems I had no idea what I was reading about. These were the poems I spent the most time with trying to figure out, but they were appreciated much less. Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was the first time I really dived into a full book of poetry and Derrick Brown is someone that I would like to read more of.

Klara says

"Across town he sits up in bed,
says,
'You bring the dirt,
I'll bring the shovels.
You warn the heavens,
I'll tell the others.' "

- from 'The Chinese Elevator'

Abi Inman says

I liked it! The Narnia one was one of my favorites.

“As Mayor of Narnia,
I will declare a day of common sense
On behalf of North American waiters everywhere.
If you can’t tip 15-20%
Then you don’t get to go out to eat”

-Come Alive, Derrick C. Brown

Ronnie Stephens says

This book is so incredible that I've actually purchased 6 copies over the last six years. I bought my first copy way back in 2004, during the Lasers of Sexcellance tour. I loved it so much, I lent it to a friend and never saw it again, so I bought another copy. I lent that copy to a pretty girl a few years later and she held it hostage, so I ordered her a copy of her own. She took both and told me that I'd have to marry her to get them back - so I did! Since then, we've bought and given copies away to most anyone in need of a good poetry collection.

This book really has something for everyone. If you don't know much about Brown, he's been running the poetry community like a rockstar for close to a decade. This collection brings together the best poems from his first three or four collections, so every page is filled with some of his best writing. Wonderfully weird and awkward. If you've ever, in your whole life, liked a poem, you'll love this book. And if you've never read a poem you enjoyed, this book will change you. No lie.

Mar says

This book was my first taste of Derrick Brown. I have now gone on to read several of his other works, except for his newest entitled "Strange Light" which I will be purchasing post-haste. His poetry changed the way I see poetry. It was like getting a radical whack upside the head in terms of how to speak things into the atmosphere. I enjoy many types of poetic form but his diction was unlike anything I had ever read before. It made me want to go out and write and bleed and yell and express everything I was thinking to the world. Isn't that what poetry's main goal is anyway? He is definitely worth the read. It's not actually hype carrying him along. It's a gift. There isn't a soul I wouldn't recommend his work to. I think anyone, whether you be a poetry connoisseur or not, will gain something from his words. Also check out Anis Mojgani and Buddy Wakefield because they will also rock your brain out about as much as he does.

Conor says

derrick brown is a god. a gift for the lusty romantics. there are so many beautiful aspects to explore. he is a rockstar; an entertainer; a discoverer. essentially, this book is why you joined goodreads. to bring you to this book.

check out the indie publisher derrick created and owns at writebloody.com he has great taste!

J Chadwick says

Beautiful, romantic, and hilarious poetry from slam poet Derrick C. Brown. (Two particular favorites of mine are "Pleased to Meet You Yellow, My Name Is Blue" and "A Finger, Two Dots, Then Me.")
