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Poetry book - 'Meeting with Christ and Other Poems' is written by internationally renowned poet Deepak Chaswal. His poetry has been widely appreciated by eminent poets, critics and poetry lovers around the globe.

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EXPERTS ON THIS BOOK:

Prof. Hugh Fox (Professor Emeritus of Michigan State University, archaeologist, editor, writer, and iconic poet of international fame) has liked and appreciated this book in these words:

“One of the deepest, widest, most universal poetry books ever written about individual spirituality in a world-wide context. And Chaswal has the single most original view of Christianity in all its totality and specifics of anyone else on the contemporary scene. What he wants is individual sanity, salvation, an escape from the depravities of the modern world into an ancient oneness with the universe, a kind of reworking of human spirituality, so that it really functions and Man as such can glide into, drift into individual completeness. Christ isn't someone distant for Chaswal but someone he goes to Jerusalem to meet and converse with, all about a return to essential humanity. He hates greed, selfishness, in a sense the whole mechanical-cybernetic drifting of the modern world into a flow that is turning humankind into something minor and self-involved that it was never intended to be. Chaswal identifies with blacks, whites, Indians in India, Americans....you name it, he identifies with it. Universalism at its most universal. You read his poetry and you go through a kind of spiritual renewal. One of, perhaps, THE most spiritually renewing poet on the contemporary scene. WONDERFUL WORK! I really loved it.”

In the words of Candice James, Poet Laureate, New Westminster, BC CANADA :

“Deepak Chaswal is a master of words and weaves them into an intricate pattern that indelibly imprints the mind. His poem, "Man", tells succinctly the story of our existence from cradle to grave. In "Day of Judgement" Chaswal's poetry wanders the bleak alleyways of ignorance, atrocity, and man's inhumanity to man. He then leads us from the paths of iniquity into a gentle serenity with his musing in his poem "Joy". Deepak Chaswal bares his soul to bleed onto every page that you may be further enriched for reading it.”

Felix Nicolau (prolific poet, novelist, critic and Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at “Hyperion” University of Bucharest, Romania, where he is the Dean of Faculty of Letters and Foreign Languages) observes:

“Now and again Christ pops up before our eyes - bearer of intense messages. But when He emerges in front of the Poet there'll be some mind-twisting revelation for sure. Deepak Chaswal regretfully conjures apocalypse and playfully takes snapshots of voracious appearances. His art can't sit legs crossed and contemplate ivory towers. Every verse in this book testifies for or against something, proving the intellectual and political charge of contemporary poetry. Then, the details and frailties of a world in turmoil are cunningly surprised by the poet. Such an art refutes the confined vision of Cyclops and energetically assumes the thousand-eyed body of Argus. More than ever, the poet is a seer, full of experience and innocence in the same time.”

Philip Ellis , a freelance critic, poet and scholar from Australia comments:

“The poetry of Deepak Chaswal's Meeting with Christ and Other Poems invokes the exterior world in language both spiritual and secular, so that the world becomes something newer and stranger than what it

was in the past. It is also a melange of images and motifs which appear, disappear and reappear throughout this collection, and it is a body of work unique to his life experiences and his worldview. It is a poetry where the tropes of Western religion, such as Christ and angels, encounter Chaswal's eastern milieu and are transformed, made, again, strange. The result of all this is a verbal and formal richness, using rhyme and free verse alike in its dexterity, and poems that are both distinctive.

Meeting With Christ and Other Poems Details

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LaGina says

This review is from: Meeting with Christ and Other Poems (Kindle Edition)

What a great way to start and end my day with poems! The flow was great and I couldn't wait to read the next one.

Mii says

This book is a great read!

Ravi says

It is an awesome book of poetry. The selection of poems is beautiful. Must read of all poetry lovers.

Prakash Singh says

Enjoyed this book very much.

Bret James Stewart says

Contemporary poetry is hit or miss for me. I am more comfortable puttering around the shelves of the tried and true of ages past, generally losing interest after the Romantics. Still, there is some good contemporary poetry—after all, I am a contemporary poet, so I hope some of us are worthy—and Chaswal is one. This work is an amalgam of the secular and spiritual, melded together through the alchemy of imagery. He uses plenty of modern topics and concepts, but he often able to combine them with a deeper meaning reminiscent of older, thoughtful guru-style work. Many of the poems have a haiku feel to them even without the stylistic, and, therefore, sometimes end abruptly, seemingly in mid-thought, allowing the reader to carry on with the poem in his mind. “Phoenix and I” is my favourite of the collection, including, “I used to play/With the phoenix/In the company/Of mild sun beams”.

Chaswal is an Indian writing in English, which may explain why the poems are not punctuated properly and there are some misspellings, that detract slightly from the work, though it is hard to tell with poetry as it allows for greater freedom of expression. I do deduct one star for this because I judge these to be errors rather than conscious stylistic preference. I am willing to read this poet again, and I recommend him to those who like a mixture of the old and new and/or those who like to interact with a poem as Chaswal's will sometimes make you dig for the meaning.

Bob Lopez says

This poetry book covers diverse themes of present day world. What i like the most is Deepak's unique way of presentation. Each poem touches the heart and soul. He is a master craftsman. Words are intelligently chosen. Chaswal very well knows how to engage the reader and leave permanent impression on his mind.

Divya says

It is a wonderful read. 5 STAR RATING straight from my heart.

Aubree says

Poet Deepak Chaswal is nothing less than brilliant. His poems are majestic, straightforward and compelling. The tone of this collection, Meeting with Christ and Other Poems, is melodic and rich in imagery. My favorite piece, Colour, was both emotional and enduring. The first line struck me and lured me in... "Without the wings of imagination..."

Let Deepak Chaswal's imagination take deep inside his world. Personally, I can't think of a better way to spend a Saturday afternoon. 5 STARS!

Rita Verma says

Just fantastic.

Fransis says

Liked the fresh ideas and insights in the poems. Pure Merit. I recommend it for everyone who wants to read good literature by a contemporary poet of great merit.

Nimita says

This is an adorable collection of poems. Deepak's style reminds me of W.H. Auden, W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot, John Milton, Ezra Pound and Robert Frost. This book carries first class poetry. It will enchant and enthrall the heart of every poetry lover.

Suchitra Sabarwal says

Deepak Chaswal is a unique poet who exhorts the mankind to revive and relive the ideals of compassion, pity, charity and peace. T.S. Eliot's 'Wasteland' was the best epic poem of 20th century and Deepak Chaswal's epic poem 'Hasteland' in this collection is going to prove the best epic poem of 21st century. Wonderful poetry book of our time.

Rajiv Khanna says

Wonderful poetry book. Liked it very much.

Terri says

didn't read and don't want to.

Leena says

I have read poets like John Keats, Milton, Emily Dickinson. What i like the most about them is originality and the same is clearly visible in this book. Each poem is unique.

Parminder Singh says

I got to know about your poetry book from one of my friends. Our Professor of English literature had given reference of your poetry while discussing Contemporary poetry in the class room. Sir, Your poetry book is just superb. It is an honour to meet you on goodreads.

Harsha Biswas says

I am reading this book. Not only the cover art but also the content of the book is rich. i feel Deepak Chaswal is in the category of great poets like T.S. Eliot, Rabindranath Tagore, W.B. Yeats and Jayant Mahapatra. His grip over language and way of presentation is what makes this book really unique.

Mary says

Deepak Chaswal is an amazing poet. His poems are heart touching. Before starting the book i had thought

that i shall complete it in a few days, but the poems are so interesting that i could not stop myself and completed it in one sitting. Truly an amazing book. Perfect book for personal library and a wonderful gift book to present our near and dear ones.
