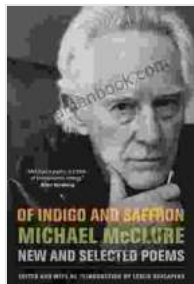


Of Indigo and Saffron: A Journey Through Poetry and Culture



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by Michael McClure

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Of Indigo and Saffron is a vibrant and eclectic collection of poems that celebrates the richness and diversity of human experience, culture, and creativity. The collection weaves together a tapestry of voices, perspectives, and emotions that explore the complexities of our shared humanity.

A Tapestry of Voices

One of the most striking features of **Of Indigo and Saffron** is its inclusivity. The collection features poems from poets of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. These voices come together to create a chorus that celebrates the beauty and complexity of our differences.

In "Prayer for the World," for example, poet Imtiaz Dharker writes:



“May all the prayers of all the faithful rise, a great wave breaking over the heads of the powerful, over the heads of the poor, over the heads of the hopeless.”

Dharker's poem is a powerful plea for unity and compassion, a reminder that we are all connected, regardless of our race, religion, or creed.

Exploring Culture and Identity

Of Indigo and Saffron also delves into the complex relationship between culture and identity. Many of the poems in the collection explore how our cultures shape our sense of self and our place in the world.

In "My Grandmother's Hands," poet Li-Young Lee writes:



“My grandmother's hands were works of art, brown and lined as an old tree”

Lee's poem is a moving tribute to the legacy of his grandmother and the cultural traditions she passed down to him.

Celebrating Creativity

In addition to exploring culture and identity, **Of Indigo and Saffron** also celebrates the power of creativity. Many of the poems in the collection are inspired by the arts, including music, dance, and painting.

In "Ode to Jazz," poet Nikki Giovanni writes:



“I love the way jazz makes me feel like I can dance on the rooftops of my dreams”

Giovanni's poem is a tribute to the transformative power of jazz music, a reminder that art can inspire us to dream and to believe in the impossible.

A Journey of Discovery

Reading **Of Indigo and Saffron** is like embarking on a journey of discovery. The collection opens our eyes to the beauty and diversity of human experience, culture, and creativity. It is a journey that will stay with us long after we finish reading the last page.

About the Author

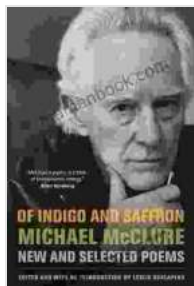
Of Indigo and Saffron is edited by poet and anthologist Amit Majmudar. Majmudar is a professor of English at Ohio Wesleyan University and the author of several books of poetry, including *Partitions* and *The World Is No Longer Flat*.



Amit Majmudar, editor of *Of Indigo and Saffron*

Majmudar's passion for poetry and his commitment to diversity are evident in **Of Indigo and Saffron**. The collection is a testament to the power of poetry to connect us, to inspire us, and to help us understand the world around us.

Of Indigo and Saffron is a must-read for anyone interested in poetry, culture, or the human experience. It is a collection that will stay with you long after you finish reading it, a collection that will continue to inspire and challenge you.

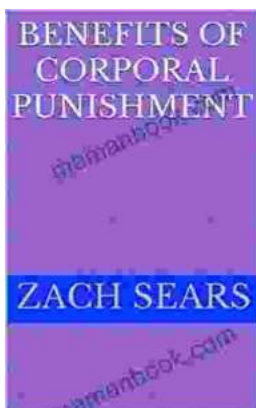


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