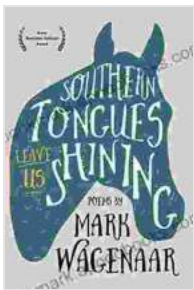


Southern Tongues Leave Us Shining: Poems

In his highly anticipated debut collection, "Southern Tongues Leave Us Shining," award-winning poet Darius Simpson invites readers on an unforgettable poetic journey into the heart of the American South. Through a dazzling array of lyrical narratives, Simpson delves into the region's rich cultural tapestry, exploring its complex history, vibrant spirit, and enduring legacy.



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With a poet's keen eye for observation and a profound understanding of the human experience, Simpson paints vivid portraits of the South's diverse inhabitants. From the descendants of slaves toiling in the fields to the urban youth navigating the challenges of modern society, Simpson's characters leap off the page with their struggles, their triumphs, and their unyielding resilience.

In "The Cotton Fields," Simpson transports readers to the heart of the South's agricultural legacy, where the rhythmic labor of picking cotton echoes through the ages:

In these fields where cotton's reign began, We bend our backs, beneath t

Yet, amidst the hardships, Simpson also uncovers moments of beauty and resistance. In "Juke Joint Jubilee," he celebrates the vibrant nightlife of the South, where music becomes a transformative force:

In juke joints dim, where rhythm reigns supreme, We sway and stomp, cast

As Simpson delves deeper into the South's past, he confronts the region's history of racial injustice and oppression. In "Lynching Tree Elegy," he mourns the countless lives lost to senseless violence:

Beneath the gnarled limbs of the lynching tree, Where shadows whisper se

Yet, even in the face of adversity, Simpson finds glimmers of hope and redemption. In "The Rising Tide," he envisions a South where justice and equality prevail:

Like the mighty tide that rolls ashore, We rise, our voices echoing ever

"Southern Tongues Leave Us Shining" is not merely a collection of poems; it is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the South. Through his evocative language and unflinching gaze, Darius Simpson captures the

essence of a region that is both deeply flawed and profoundly beautiful. This is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the complexities and contradictions of the American South, and for all who appreciate the power of poetry to illuminate our shared human experience.

Praise for "Southern Tongues Leave Us Shining":

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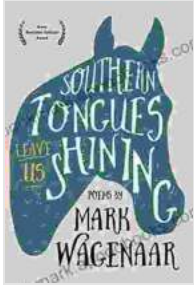
Natasha Trethewey, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

- *"Southern Tongues Leave Us Shining is a tour de force, a powerful and moving collection that explores the rich cultural tapestry of the American South. Darius Simpson writes with a poet's keen eye for observation and a profound understanding of the human experience. His poems are both deeply personal and universally relatable, capturing the essence of a region that is both deeply flawed and profoundly beautiful. This is a must-read for anyone who loves poetry, or who seeks to understand the complexities of the American South."* -

Kiese Laymon, author of "Heavy" and "Long Division"

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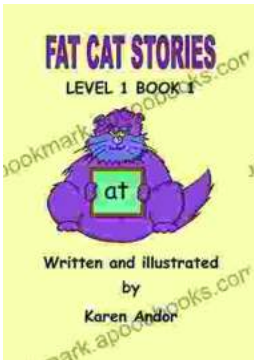
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