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Transfer (American Poets Continuum)



Synopsis

"In the current literary scene, one of the most heartening influences is the work of Naomi Shihab Nye. Her poems combine transcendent liveliness and sparkle along with warmth and human insight. She is a champion of the literature of encouragement and heart. Reading her work enhances life."#151; William StaffordDuskwhere is the name no one answered to gone off to live by itselfbeneath the pine trees separating the houseswithout a friend or a bedwithout a father to tell it storieshow hard was the path it walked on all those years belonging to none of our struggles drifting under the calendar page elusive as residue when someone said how have you been it was strangely that name that tried to answerNaomi Shihab Nye has spent thirty-five years traveling the world to lead writing workshops and inspire students of all ages. In her newest collection *Transfer* she draws on her Palestinian American heritage, the cultural diversity of her home in Texas, and her extensive travel experiences to create a poetry collection that attests to our shared humanity. Among her awards, Naomi Shihab Nye has been a Lannan Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Witter Bynner Fellow. She has received a Lavan Award from the Academy of American Poets, the Isabella Gardner Poetry Award, the Paterson Poetry Prize, and four Pushcart prizes. In January 2010, she was elected to the board of chancellors of the Academy of American Poets.

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Customer Reviews

I don't think I have known another poet as unselfish as Nye; most of her poems feel like her

extended hand touching - stroking, petting, warming - another person... or animal. Just like in her other collections of poetry, she moves between death and the living and then back again, finding the beauty in both, while her words both vex and comfort. She dedicates this book to her father and in one section, she borrows lines from his diary for titles of eleven poems, as well as writes in his voice. Deeply moved and moving, but always with a hint of humor and irony. "Here's a line of silent palm trees./It's as if you answered the phone." (from "Ringing") Nye's lines have been helping me deal with my own losses. Do yourself a favor; read this book.

This book, a powerful tribute to the poet's beloved father, made me cry and laugh and stop to think more deeply about relationships and parents and loss, about the way our country marginalizes people, about the strength and beauty of human connection. Naomi Shihab Nye is, in my opinion, one of the most creative, thoughtful, and skilled poets of our time and this book is one of her best.

I thoroughly enjoyed *Transfer*. I had to read this book for my poetry writing workshop and was impressed with Naomi Shihab Nye's eye for imagery, diction, and storytelling. Many of the poems deal with the loss of her father and the longing she felt for her family's homeland in Palestine. This collection beautifully illustrates the complexity of the writer's relationship to her father, along with shedding new light on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Definitely a good read.

Naomi Shihab Nye is a poet who celebrates very day miracles and small wonders. She makes you fall in love with a crack in the sidewalk or the odd crooked tree in your front yard. This book of poetry brings a freshness back to the world. It turns everything into a wonder.

Easy to read because language was (is) accessible. Thru prose and mostly poetry I can glimpse the suffering caused by the Palestinian diaspora.

Naomi comes through again with her very touching, real poems. I never tire of reading anything she writes.

perhaps the most important and powerful book of poems I have read in the past few years/

I had the honor of meeting the author of this book! She is an amazing woman and poet. Great book and great exchange!

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