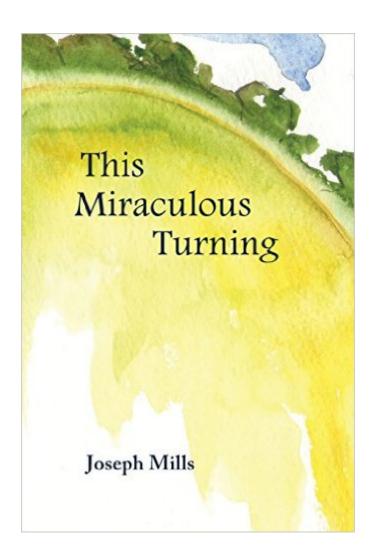
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I attended a reading by the poet a few years ago and promptly bought and enjoyed two of his books. This new one was worth waiting for. Many are personal poems about his love for his family, universal to be sure, and parents will relate to the adults' sense of helplessness and children's powerlessness. But in this family, he and his wife are white and their children are African-American. Thus Mills sees the world through their eyes and with their sensitivity. The poems are written in a conversational style, with many everyday dilemmas and joys, poignant and sometimes humorous, but always with a clear eyed view of his world. I highly recommend this collection; in fact I plan to give copies as gifts this year. You don't have to be a "poetry lover" to enjoy this collection, just someone who appreciates truth, passion, and narrative power.

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