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Mitakuye Oyasín: (We Are All Related)



Synopsis

"This book is a mix of love, loss, the past, respect and survival. This planet we live on (Mother Earth) is in peril, of this no one should have any doubts. The issue is awareness, and whether we are to be part of the problem or part of the solution. What we do now will determine not simply issues of quality of life, but of life itself. If we continue to poison the air, water and seas, this home of ours will die! He drove to work sipping coffee from a Styrofoam cup, and when he finished he pitched it to the side of the road; it is only one Styrofoam cup, after all. It is a shame we often think of individual instead of collective issues, for that morning, like all mornings, he was joined by at least a million others with the same thought. It is time we all hugged a tree!"

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First off, the title of this book is taken from a Lakota term that when translated means "we are all related" thus the full title of poet's Jim Greenwald's book is "Mitakuye Oyasin: We Are All Related". When reading his poems you can see very clearly that the title fits the poetry within the pages. Jim's Native American Ojibwe heritage comes through in great evidence in all his prose. This is another of

his wonderful books of poetry and this may be his absolute best work to date. The feeling you get from this themed book of poetry is that there is a connection with nature and the natural world around us. His words are like a walk in the woods with someone who truly loves being outdoors and appreciates the trees, the birds and all that surrounds him. This poet is at very much at ease in wilderness of his mind or on this earthly terra firm. So, it becomes a joyful and pleasant journey of prose as we transverse through his world that he observes. His poetry has a message of respect and love for "Mother Earth" but also for each other. His words and phrasing are like a pathway to the inner heart. He knows how to connect with nature but he also connects with people. These poems are uplifting and hopeful. It was a pleasure to wander through his words and feel what he must have been feeling when he wrote them. Some of his poetry asks questions as a way of pointing out a problem such as in his poem "Window. He hears no animals, no insects, no birds, only the noise of horns blaring, as he breathes the poison engines spew out, The air burning his lungs. He sips his water from a bottle as he stands beside a stream so polluted it stinks. Grandfather, I do not understand.

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