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Please Bury Me In This





Synopsis

The speaker in Please Bury Me in This grieves the death of her father and the loss of several women to suicide while contemplating her own death and the nature of language as a means of human connection that transcends our temporal lives. This book is also concerned with the intergenerational trauma of the children of Holocaust survivors.

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White meditates on mental health in this spellbinding collection, a lamentation dedicated to four women she knew "who took their lives within a year." . . . White's courageous and provocative collection inspires hope by reminding readers that strength can be found in the most desolate places: "What is more beautiful than the hopeless singing?"--Publishers Weekly (starred review) This new work confronts mortality in the lucid, meditative strings of sentences that are the hallmark of this excellent writer. . . Poetry has always wrestled with death as both dark lure and terrifying unknown, and White's contribution is heartfelt and true, both deeply personal and embracing."--Library Journal As is the nature of anything sublime, White's collection of poems combats easy synopsis or concise abbreviation. I'm inclined to call them elegies of a sort, if, as Mary Jo Bang suggests, we understand that the objective of an elegy is "to rebreathe life into what the gone once was."--Electric Literature"I want to tell you something memorable," White writes, "something you could wear around your neck." Yet this stunning collection does much more, confronting instead the philosophical problems inherent in our desire to memorialize the lost other in

â œAllison Benis White is a poet driven by duende, what Frederico GarcÃ- a Lorca called â ^the true struggleâ |⠙⠕ (Idra Novey)â œ. . . Her delicate and elegant furor scribendi reads like a lucid dream in which mortalityâ •the wonder of it, as well as it attendant terrorsâ •is made palpable. . . . This book haunts.â • (Amy Newman)â œ. . . Please Bury Me in This is, again, in Whiteâ ™s compelling words, â ^the softest howl.⠙⠕ (Lynn Emanuel)â œ. . . Haunting and resonant, these images all fall perfectly, exactly where theyâ ™re needed, building up into a whole that extends far beyond this extraordinary book.â • (Cole Swensen)

I adore White's sparse and haunting style. These are poems to break your heart by.

This unflinching meditation on depression and suicide conveys life's challenges while acknowledging its (often) unexpected beauty. A book-length poem of rare insight and tenderness.

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