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This collection of poems and tales, spanning eight years of publication in Pagan and speculative fiction magazines and journals, includes award-nominated poetry and fiction that illuminates Pagan life and relationships with the sacred.

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Richard says

I was fortunate enough to receive this book, kindly signed by the author, as part of a Goodreads giveaway.

This kind of subject matter is a big departure from my usual reading. The first story, 'Ink For The Dead' - about a tattoo artist, certainly wasn't what I expected when I considered what Pagan fiction would be like! I didn't enjoy this particular story so resigned myself to at least enjoying the poetry even if the stories weren't going to be my thing and 'Fetters' and 'A Path Without Bones' were indeed wonderful.

As I read on I actually ended up loving both poetry and prose and was unable to put the book down!

I'm not particularly knowledgeable when it comes to Paganism but it turned out not to matter in the slightest as both the poetry and prose are beautifully written with rich, colourful language in a style that is for the most part easy to grasp and clearly comes straight from the author's heart.

I especially enjoyed the tales set in a not-too-distant future - a refreshing alternative to the apocalyptic/dystopian fiction I've read previous to this. 'Yundah' is a beautiful and soulful short story that I felt was the highlight of the stories.

I will be loaning the book to my Wiccan sister as I believe she'll get a lot out of this collection...but I'll be making sure that I get it back to re-read asap!

My mind has been opened to a genre I hadn't considered previously and I look forward to reading more works by the author - starting with the graphic novel that she very kindly sent along with this book.

Jennifer says

Once again, totally biased because this is a book by a dear friend, and one whose words often move me deeply. C. S. McCath writes with an eye to humanity's strengths and falterings, and with a sense of the divine that never robs her mortal characters of their freedom to choose and act. My favorite is probably "When I Arrived, This Is What She Said," and while I know some of the resonance this has with the author's life, it also spoke to me on a visceral level: *And come, oh daughter of too many journeys,/ gray in your hair, lead in your heart . . .* But there's so much here to love, stories that speak of the future, stories of compassion and the quest for justice. There are gods here, too, but even they never lose that essential humanity.

Patricia Crosby says

I was fortunate to win this collection through a giveaway at goodreads i loved the stories and poems they

written from the heart i would encourage everyone interested to give this collection a good read and to enjoy. A special thank-you to the author as a bonus she sent me a bonus copy of Murky Depths issue number 7 in which she had a story titled The Longest Road In The Universe which i really enjoyed and may not have ever had the chance to read otherwise ..thanks again C.S MacCath i will treasure your writings for a long time to come
