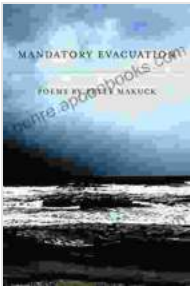


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Displaced and Dispossessed

The poems in *Mandatory Evacuation* grapple with the trauma of displacement, both physical and emotional. The poets in this anthology have experienced war, violence, poverty, and racism, and their work bears witness to the profound impact these experiences have on the human psyche. In "Leaving," Carolyn Kizer writes of the pain of being forced to abandon one's home:



“I do not want to leave this house

I have lived in for twenty years

Watched my children grow

Watched my parents die”

Kizer's poem captures the sense of loss and grief that comes with being uprooted from one's home and community. The speakers in these poems are often haunted by memories of the past, and they struggle to find a sense of belonging in the present.

Searching for Identity

The poets in Mandatory Evacuation also explore the complex issue of identity. In a world that is often hostile to those who are different, these poets seek to define themselves on their own terms. In "I Am a Black Woman," Audre Lorde writes:



“I am a black woman

The sun of my skin

Is a song of celebration

My hair is a crown

My lips are a red flower

My body is a temple of strength”

Lorde's poem celebrates the beauty and power of black womanhood, and it challenges the racist stereotypes that have been used to oppress black people. The speakers in these poems are determined to find their own voices and to create their own identities, regardless of the obstacles they face.

Resilience and Hope

Despite the challenges they face, the poets in Mandatory Evacuation find ways to persevere and to hope. In "The World Is Too Much with Us," William Wordsworth writes:

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“The world is too much with us; late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;—

Little we see in Nature that is ours;

We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!”

Wordsworth's poem laments the materialism and greed that have come to dominate the modern world. However, the speakers in these poems find

solace in nature and in the human spirit. In "Hope," Emily Dickinson writes:



“Hope

is the thing with feathers

That perches in the soul—

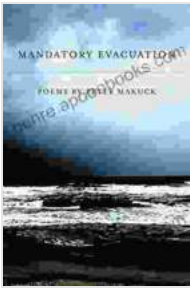
And sings the tune without the words—

And never stops—at all—”

Dickinson's poem reminds us that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope. The speakers in these poems find strength in their communities and in their shared experiences. They are determined to create a better future, no matter what challenges they may face.

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