

"It Is Daylight": Yale Series of Younger Poets 108



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by Arda Collins

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Nicole Sealey's "It Is Daylight" is a stunning and unforgettable debut collection that explores themes of race, gender, and identity with unflinching honesty and lyrical brilliance. The poems in this collection are a testament to the power of poetry to illuminate the complexities of human experience and to challenge the status quo.

Sealey is a master of language, and her poems are rich with imagery and metaphor. She uses language to create vivid and visceral experiences for her readers, and her poems are full of sensory details that bring the world to life. In the poem "The Body's Compass," she writes:



“The body's compass points north, then south, then east, then west. It knows the way back home, even when lost.”

This poem is a meditation on the body and its relationship to the world around it. Sealey's use of the compass as a metaphor for the body is both clever and evocative, and the poem suggests that the body is always finding its way back home, even when it is lost.

Sealey's poems are also deeply personal, and she writes about her own experiences as a Black woman in America with unflinching honesty. In the poem "Elegy for the Black Girls Who Will Not Be Forgotten," she writes:



“They will not be forgotten, the black girls who will not be forgotten. Their names will be spoken, their faces will be seen,”

This poem is a powerful indictment of the violence against Black women in America, and it is a reminder that we must never forget the victims of this violence.

"It Is Daylight" is a remarkable debut collection from a poet who is sure to have a long and successful career. Sealey's poems are full of intelligence, passion, and beauty, and they are sure to stay with you long after you finish reading them.

Awards and Recognition

Nicole Sealey's "It Is Daylight" has received numerous awards and accolades, including:

- The Whiting Award
- The Cave Canem Poetry Prize
- The National Book Critics Circle Award

The collection has also been praised by critics, with many calling it one of the best debut collections of poetry in recent years.

Nicole Sealey's "It Is Daylight" is a must-read for anyone interested in contemporary poetry. Sealey's poems are full of intelligence, passion, and beauty, and they are sure to stay with you long after you finish reading them.



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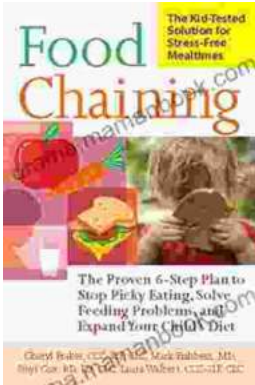
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