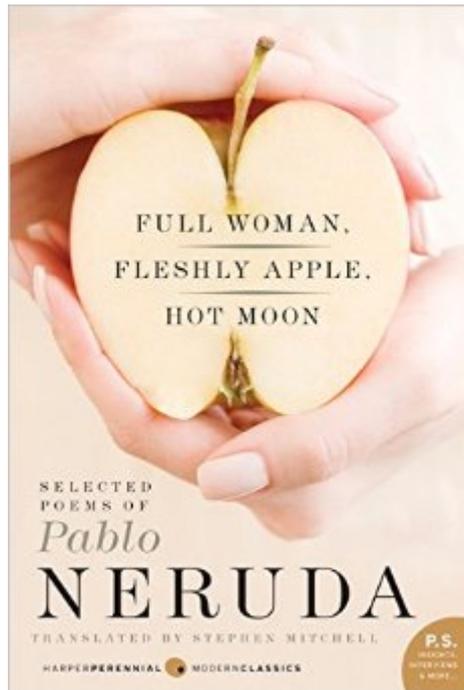


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Full Woman, Fleshly Apple, Hot Moon: Selected Poems Of Pablo Neruda



Synopsis

Full woman, fleshly apple, hot moon, thick smell of seaweed, crushed mud and light, what obscure brilliance opens between your columns? What ancient night does a man touch with his senses? Loving is a journey with water and with stars, with smothered air and abrupt storms of flour: loving is a clash of lightning-bolts and two bodies defeated by a single drop of honey. The poetry of Pablo Neruda is beloved worldwide for its passion, humor, and exceptional accessibility. The nearly fifty poems selected for this collection and translated by Stephen Mitchell "widely praised for his original and definitive translations of spiritual writings and poetry" focus on Neruda's mature period, when the poet was in his fifties. A bilingual volume, with Neruda's original Spanish text facing Mitchell's English translation, it will bring Neruda's sensuous work to vibrant life for a whole new generation of readers.

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Customer Reviews

Having been interested in Neruda since seeing the movie "Il Postino," I've glanced at several collections for over 3 years, but never took a book home for my own. Looking for a collection that contained "Ode to Laziness" (one of my favorite subjects), I found and purchased Full Woman, Fleshly Apple, Hot Moon. I sat down in a big chair on a Sunday afternoon and opened it to the first page and the love affair started there. Usually, I read a book of poems randomly, just flipping here and there, looking for whatever surprises me. For some unknown reason, I started this book from the beginning with Mitchell's introduction, then read the first poem. I couldn't help myself as I read

one poem and then another till I had carefully read almost every one. Pure spirit, pure soul. Each poem is a love poem to the most simple, everyday, ordinary things of this world--his suit, his socks, his watch--engaging us to see a sheer web of grace that runs through out our lives. Put another way, Neruda sees and shows us a world that shimmers and loves us as fully as we love it. Many thanks to S. Mitchell for creating this collection.

Stephen Mitchell translates an assortment of Neruda's lesser known poems that rank among his personal favorites. You can tell Mitchell truly loves these works as Neruda's voice almost literally sings off the page in English. The book itself is beautifully constructed with a painting by Gauguin adorning the cover. When you hold it in your hands, you will know you have discovered something truly special. You may also be interested in Mitchell's lovely translations of Rilke.

I am a true lover of the work of Pablo Neruda and have perused many translated works of the famous Chilean poet. Stephen Mitchell's translations are by far the most eloquent I have found. I feel they best convey the many moods of Pablo Neruda. The writer is able to capture the most intense feelings in the poet's writing better than any I have read. Thank you Stephen Mitchell.

This is not a collection of sensual, erotic love poetry, as one would be inclined to think from the title. There are sensual, erotic love poems in it, but what this collection contains is a broader love poetry, a poetry where the poet, and, consequently, the reader, become lost in the adoration of the beauty of whatever natural object, person, or thing Neruda meditates upon. If you have ever found yourself lost in the beauty of simple things, feeling that they should be celebrated--if you are a lover, this collection of poetry will bring smile after smile and tear after tear to your face.

I love Pablo Neruda. The translations were accurate and the book is well laid out. the spanish on one side and the english on the other. Not a love poem book though. More about all the beauty in the tangible world. i.e ode to salt

This is a lovely translation, but then I think of them all as good. There is no comparison for me to any other poet. Keep this or any of his books near your bed to understand the earth, sea, mountains, love, stones, earth, grace, redemption, cats, neighbors, friends, etc. The depth and breadth is expansive and this is a "sweet" book.

I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom and carries hidden within itself the light of those flowers, and thanks to your love, darkly in my body lives the dense fragrance that rises from the earth. ~ Neruda

After reading "Full Woman, Fleshly Apple, Hot Moon" and The Essential Neruda: Selected Poems I must say that I found something in each book to love. After now experiencing Neruda's more general poems I've also decided that I love Neruda's love poems best. Three of the poems in this book I also enjoyed were about animals. The "Ode to a Black Panther" is sad and the poem about horses, mysterious. I also liked "Cat's Dream." If you are trying to decide between the two books I'd buy The Essential Neruda first as that is really my favorite. "The best of the ocean calls me to myself" ~ The Rebecca Review

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