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The Essential Hits Of Shorty Bon Bon (Penguin Poets)



Synopsis

A National Book Critics Circle 2014 Finalist for Poetry Through dream song and elegy, alternate takes and tempos, prizewinning poet Willie Perdomo's third collection crackles with vitality and dynamism as it imagines the life of a percussionist, rebuilding the landscape of his apprenticeship, love, diaspora, and death. At the beginning of his infernal journey, Shorty Bon Bon recalls his live studio recording with a classic 1970s descarga band, sharing his recollection with an unidentified poet. This opening section is followed by a call-and-response with his greatest love, a singer named Rose, and a visit to Puerto Rico that inhabits a surreal nationalistic dreamscape, before a final jam session where Shorty recognizes his end and a trio of voices seek to converge on his elegy.

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Customer Reviews

This is my favorite poetry book in a long time. I went to the launch, then read and re-read the book, and I think Willie belongs in the ranks of poets (Ginsburg, Whitman, Villon) whose work is equally fine orally and on the page. The mighty zest of this book suits its subject, old-timey Latino music, and the complexity (multiple narrators, time jumps, depth of ideas) is worn with lightness and elegance. Readers who enjoy a blend of substance and fun should not miss "Shorty Bon Bon."

I started Willie Perdomo as a poet when he was a teenager and love how he's grown and keeps on

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