

My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again: Pitt Poetry Series



My Brother is Getting Arrested Again (Pitt Poetry Series) by Daisy Fried

★★★★☆ 4.2 out of 5

Language : English
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Screen Reader : Supported
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
Print length : 82 pages



Tracy K. Smith's *My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again* is a collection of poems that explore the themes of family, race, and incarceration. The poems are written in a clear and concise style, and they are often deeply moving. Smith's poems are a powerful indictment of the criminal justice system, and they offer a glimpse into the lives of those who are affected by it.

The poem "My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again" is about the speaker's brother, who is arrested for a nonviolent crime. The speaker is angry and frustrated, and she feels like the system is stacked against her brother. She writes, "I am tired of watching my brother / get arrested for nothing / I am tired of seeing him / put in handcuffs."

The poem "Elegy for a Broken Body" is about a young black man who is killed by the police. The speaker is heartbroken and enraged, and she

writes, "I am tired of mourning / young black men / I am tired of seeing them / killed by the police."

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Themes

The main themes of *My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again* are family, race, and incarceration. Smith explores the complex relationships between family members, and she shows how the criminal justice system can tear families apart. She also examines the ways in which race and class play a role in the criminal justice system, and she shows how black and brown people are disproportionately affected by mass incarceration.

Style

Smith's poems are written in a clear and concise style. She uses simple language and straightforward imagery to create powerful and moving poems. Her poems are often short and to the point, and they pack a punch.

Impact

My Brother Is Getting Arrested Again has been widely praised by critics. It was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2012, and it was a finalist for the National Book Award for Poetry. The poems have been used in classrooms and workshops to teach about the criminal justice system and its impact on families.

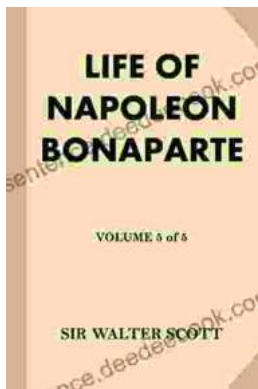
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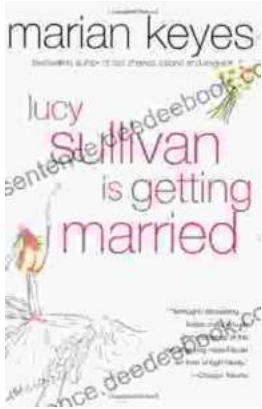
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