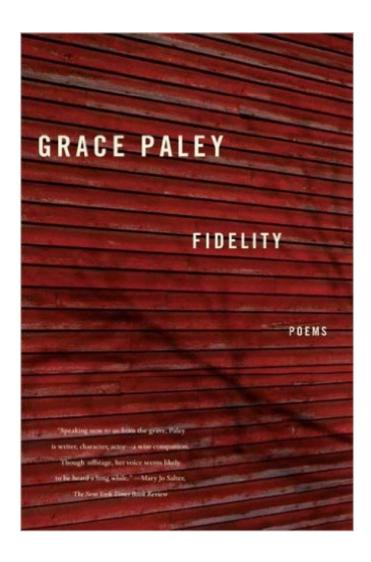
The book was found

Fidelity: Poems





Synopsis

Just before her death in 2007 at the age of eighty-four, Grace Paley completed this wise and poignant book of poems. Full of memories of friends and family and incisive observations of life in both her beloved hometown, New York City, and rural Vermont, the poems are sober and playful, experimenting with form while remaining eminently readable. They explore the beginnings and ends of relationships, the ties that bind siblings, the workings of dreams, the surreal strangeness of the aging bodyâ •all imbued with her unique perspective and voice. Mournful and nostalgic, but also ruefully funny and full of love, Fidelity is Grace Paley's passionate and haunting elegy for the life she was leaving behind.

Book Information

Paperback: 96 pages

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1 edition (March 31, 2009)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0374531714

ISBN-13: 978-0374531713

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.2 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (5 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,219,129 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #83 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Themes & Styles > Family #5811 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > United States #110051 in Books > Literature & Fiction > United States

Customer Reviews

I would love this book even if the pages were blank if I thought that's what Grace Paley wanted us to contemplate. Even if there were no words I would still hear her voice, reading her stories and poems. But the pages aren't blank. They're filled with poetry that is definitely Paley's: spare, without punctuation, essential life with the fat boiled off. The poems are, in effect, Paley stories: about her family and friends, as if even the short fictions she once wrote had become too heavy. There are some poems here I won't remember long, but there are others that are hard to forget. "Sisters" is one. "One Day" is another. And there are others. The book has just been published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. This is from the FSG website: "Just before her death in 2007 at the age of eighty-four, Grace Paley completed this wise and poignant book of poems. Full of memories of friends and family and incisive observations of life in both her beloved hometown, New York City, and rural

Vermont, the poems are sober and playful, experimenting with form while remaining eminently readable. They explore the beginnings and ends of relationships, the ties that bind siblings, the workings of dreams, the surreal strangeness of the aging body--all imbued with her unique perspective and voice. Mournful and nostalgic, but also ruefully funny and full of love, Fidelity is Grace Paley's passionate and haunting elegy for the life she was leaving behind."For Paley fans, especially, but also for others interested in a look at life from Paley's unique perspective.

This wonderful book of poems was published by Grace Paley's estate. She had things to share with us until the end. She wasn't done yet. This book is small but oh so powerful and seems in keeping with the shrinking that happens with age, but the spirit stays strong. She faces aging, her illness, her approaching death and its effect on those who love her. She has the wisdom to rejoice that her children's children will help them through these hard times.".....luckily theirchildren have imperiouslycalled offering their lives adetour thank god they've allgotten away"Grace speaks of her sister, who had died two years ago, in several poems. She shares how she copes with her grief."I needed to talk to my sistertalk to her on the telephone I meanjust as I used to every morningin the evening too whenever thegrandchildren said a sentence that clasped both our heartsI called her phone rang four timesyou can imagine my breath stopped thenthere was a terrible telephonic noisea voice said this number is nolonger in use how wonderful Ithought I cancall again they have not yet assignedher number to another person despitetwo years of absence due to death

This is one of the most touching books of poetry I have ever read. Definitely a "must read" for those of us who are facing are own mortality and the loss of our loved ones...

What better can be written? These are the words of Gracy Paley, after all, and every one of her words are precious. These poems are continuations of her life-long themes. And while she may have written better and wiser ones, perhaps, these certainly do serve to stand for her tenure in the world made so much more wonderful for her having been in it. Read the poems with and for Grace. Norma Manna Blum

Great!

Download to continue reading...

Fidelity: Poems Dogs and Love - Stories of Fidelity (Dog Stories for Adults Book 1) 70 Wonderful Word Family Poems: A Delightful Collection of Fun-to-Read Rhyming Poems With an Easy-to-Use

Lesson Plan for Teaching the Top 35 Word Families Cold Mountain Poems: Zen Poems of Han Shan, Shih Te, and Wang Fan-chih Complete Sonnets and Poems: The Oxford Shakespeare The Complete Sonnets and Poems (Oxford World's Classics) A Life of Poems, Poems of a Life (English and French Edition) Love Poems by Pedro Salinas: My Voice Because of You and Letter Poems to Katherine Yevtushenko: Selected Poems: Selected Poems (Penguin Classics) Zen Master Poems (New Wisdom Poems) Zen Master Poems (New Wisdom Poems Book 1) Poems of Jerusalem and Love Poems (Sheep Meadow Poetry) Leveled Poems for Small-Group Reading Lessons: 40 Reproducible Poems With Mini-Lessons for Guided Reading Levels E-N Beat the Drum, Independence Day Has Come: Poems for the Fourth of July Julie Andrews' Treasury for All Seasons: Poems and Songs to Celebrate the Year Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems (Reading Rainbow Series) Teddy Bear Poems straight from the PAW VINTAGE CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS: Christmas Cards, Customs, Carols, Legends, Poems, Recipes, Advertisements (Vintage Memories) Poems for Greetings, Gifts and Keepsakes: For your Hobby Craft, Card Making and Scrapbooking Projects Garden Blessings: Prose, Poems and Prayers Celebrating the Love of Gardening Nice Fish: New and Selected Prose Poems

Dmca