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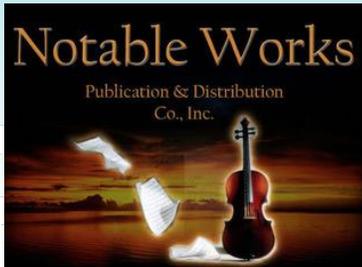


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Book Reviews

Voices of The Earth: The Future of Our Planet II

Art and activism meet in this inspired collection of environmental poetry by impassioned Rhode Islanders. A celebration of our state and the natural world, it is also an examination of our state of affairs regarding Mother Earth. To read these poems is to be galvanized. With its list in the back of the book of ways to act, *Voices of the Earth*, is a valuable creative resource for anyone who wishes to join in the growing chorus to save our planet.

--Tina Cane

Poet Laureate of Rhode Island

What a pleasure to read the wide variety of poems in this most recent volume of poetry, *Voices of the Earth – The Future of Our Planet*, vol. II, compiled and published by Notable Works! Writers of different generations, backgrounds, and experience all contributed their poems. That kind of variety among those that we published makes for reading that displays many different and surprising poetic forms. Most of all, the passion expressed by the writers of all these poems reflect how the issues of environmental protection, in all its forms, needs to be given a forum, and that action needs to follow. All of these concerns need a voice. Here in these pages, you'll find a chorus of poetic voices speaking. We're confident you'll enjoy their poems as much as we did.

David Dragone

Editor, Crosswinds Poetry Journal

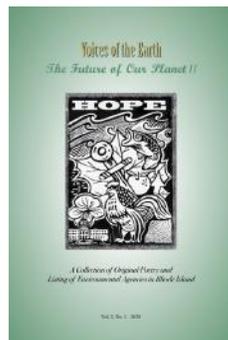
Link to "The Earth Is In Our Care"

<https://youtu.be/wNJ2zAROkH4>

This presentation entitled "The Earth Is In Our Care," which is a collaborative project between Notable Works Publication and Distribution Co., Inc. and Audubon Society of Rhode Island (ASRI), addresses the vital issue of climate change while focusing on some of the scientifically-based and attainable solutions to this problem. The poetry and music by Notable Works' Artist In Residence Noreen Inglesi, were inspired by the valuable work of Audubon Society of Rhode Island and their dedicated staff, who convey their commitment to preserving and protecting natural habitats, their excitement of connecting people to nature and their sense of urgency for maintaining the balance of nature while paving the way to a dynamic, diverse and inclusive future. To learn more about their efforts, please visit: www.asri.org

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This publication is a collection of original works by Rhode Island poets of all age levels and backgrounds focusing on the theme of resilience, sustainable living and adapting to a changing climate. This book, which includes an introduction by Lauren Parmelee Senior Director of Education of Audubon Society of Rhode Island, also contains a list of volunteer opportunities with and vital information about some of the key environmental agencies in Rhode Island, which are preserving and protecting open spaces, endangered species and our precious natural resources for future generations.

Sample of Poetry from:
Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet II

MORE

On our finest stationery,
We spelled out a December wish:
More, please.

More toys scattered in the grass,
More devices attached to our fingers and ears,
More logos stitched across our bodies.
More bulldozers pushing cranes out of the sky,
More cars blocking up the veins of our cities.
Getting us to more places,
So we could get more.

And we got more.
We got more factories, more mines,
More oil rigs hooked up to the heart of our planet.
More greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
More ice melting,
Waves rising,
Storms raging,
Heat scorching.

In the stunning realization of what we have done,
We take back that wishlist,
And we turn that flimsy list of hopes
Onto the other side.
A new blank slate.
Ready to fill it with wishes for more.

But this time,
We ask more of ourselves.
We ask ourselves how we can give more,
And our neighbors how we can work with them more.
We ask how the richest countries can do more,
And how the world can agree more.

On the back of these wishlists,
We write memos and op-eds,
Scribble down songs,
Sketch out posters,
And write new kinds of wishlists.
More protections to save the creatures in our streams,
More panels to accept the warmth of the sun,
More outstretched hands to stand with our most
vulnerable communities.

When each day asks more of us,
Asking what will we do to be resilient,
We share our answer
In front of state houses,
On phone calls with senators,
In town meetings:
More.

By Sarah Lettes

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