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Jean describes her poetry as "a choreography of words" with area musicians providing accompaniment to the reading of each poem. The book is a collaboration of readers and musicians that includes a CD of the poems with musical accompaniment of oboe, english horn, flute, piano, fretless banjo, violin, and balafon. Jean's work has previously been published in the Great Smokies Review, the Online Publication of the Great Smokies Writing Program in Asheville, North Carolina. "With a painter's eye, a musician's ear, and a poet's heart, Jean Cassidy evokes the telling details of a world, one that is at once present and vanished. Hers is a sensibility that locates the ponderous in the intimate, bringing into poignant relief the past that persists and embellishes our days." ~ Holly Iglesias, Author of

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Carol says

Even though I grew up in the 60's when everyone was supposed to love poetry, I never really did. However, I signed up for the giveaway for this book, and I won! I finally had a chance this afternoon to sit down and listen to this book. Yes, it is a paperback book, but it comes with an audio CD, which enhances the reading of this book tremendously. I started to read the book without the CD, and had trouble getting started. Listening to the CD make the poetry come to life. Each short poem a story about a time of life--a happy time, a sad time, a confusing time. The author's life was laid out in a series of poetry stories that were actually quite interesting and engaging.

I appreciate the opportunity to own this book through the giveaway. It is not something I would normally purchase, but it was definitely a surprise.

Linda Donohue says

I can relate to Jean's poems with my own ancestry and childhood. The CD was great listening and she gives a bio of the readers from the CD. I thank the author and GoodReads for the opportunity to read this book. Thank you

Jeff Pierre says

This is a short and delightful book that you can read in one sitting. There are some poems in this book that anyone will enjoy.

I received this book for free through Goodreads Giveaways.

Beth says

A small book of poem stories, & an audio CD w/pleasant background music. It's because of the CD that I gave this Good Reads giveaway book 4 stars instead of 3.

Debbie Payne says

I really enjoyed this small but mighty book of poetry by Jean Cassidy and her various collaborators. Thank you to her and Pure Heart Press for sending this to me through a Goodreads Giveaway. I don't read a lot of poetry but this was something beyond just another book of poetry. Jean has given us three things that bind this body of works into a very unique art form. We have the written word along with the oral tradition and the lovely musical accompaniment. Plus she gives us short biographies to let us know about the lives of her

and her group of talented people who gave this endeavor a face, a voice and a purpose. Jean's poems give us a bird's eye view of moments in her life. Although her life started out with some sad moments, I can envision her as a woman of resilience, joy and purpose. The music was awesome and quite frankly the beautiful voices and the music can take you to an almost meditative place. How could I give this anything but a five star rating? Thank you for the wonderful gift.
