

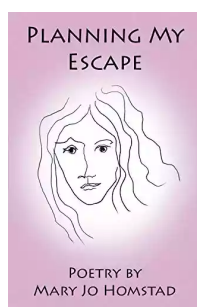
Experience the Captivating World of "Planning My Escape" Poetry by Mary Jo Homstad



Are you ready to embark on a journey through the enchanting realm of poetry? Step into the extraordinary world of "Planning My Escape" by Mary Jo Homstad, where emotions run deep, imagination soars, and words

come alive. In this mesmerizing collection, Homstad paints vivid pictures with her phrases, capturing the essence of our shared human experiences.

Each poem within "Planning My Escape" unveils a new facet of Homstad's multifaceted soul, inviting readers to explore various themes such as love, loss, self-discovery, and the eternal quest for freedom. With over 100 poems carefully crafted over the years, this collection is a testament to the power of language and its ability to connect individuals across time and space.



Planning My Escape: Poetry by Mary Jo Homstad

by Morris Panych(Kindle Edition)

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Born with the innate ability to weave words into intricate tapestries of emotions, Mary Jo Homstad is a poet extraordinaire. Her penchant for capturing the essence of the human condition elevates her work to a level that resonates with readers from all walks of life. From the bittersweet ache of unrequited love to the euphoria of overcoming life's obstacles, each line in "Planning My Escape" drips with authenticity, prompting introspection and contemplation.

Homstad's poetry is imbued with an ethereal quality that transports readers to far-off places and distant memories. With her careful choice of words, she conjures images that dance before your eyes, enticing the mind to wander beyond the confines of reality. As you immerse yourself in the pages of "Planning My Escape," you'll find yourself immersed in a dreamscape filled with wonder and awe.

With every turn of the page, Homstad's words will evoke a kaleidoscope of emotions that stir your soul. Her poems have the power to make your heart race, your eyes well up with tears, and your spirit soar to unimaginable heights. "Planning My Escape" is not just a book of poetry; it is a doorway to a world where the boundaries between reality and imagination blur, a sanctuary for those seeking solace.

Each poem in this collection is a masterpiece in its own right, eloquently weaving words into verses that resonate long after they are read. Some poems whisper softly, as if revealing secrets only meant for your ears, while others roar with the passion of a thunderstorm, demanding to be heard. Mary Jo Homstad's poetry is a symphony, with each line composing a unique melody that stays with you, long after the final note fades away.

Throughout "Planning My Escape," Homstad takes us on a soul-stirring journey, touching upon the trials and triumphs of human existence. She captures moments that go unnoticed by others, turning them into profound reflections on life. From the first poem to the last, you'll find yourself nodding in agreement, shedding tears of empathy, and celebrating the resilience of the human spirit.

Whether you are a seasoned poetry enthusiast or just dipping your toes into the vast ocean of literary wonders, "Planning My Escape" is a collection that deserves a space on your bookshelf. It is a treasure trove of emotions, a mirror that reflects the depth of your own soul, and a guiding light when life becomes a labyrinth of uncertainties.

So, are you ready to immerse yourself in the enchanting world of "Planning My Escape" poetry by Mary Jo Homstad? Grab a copy of this captivating collection, find a quiet corner, and let the words transport you to new dimensions of thought and emotion. Embark on a journey of self-discovery, where poetry becomes a companion and solace for the soul.



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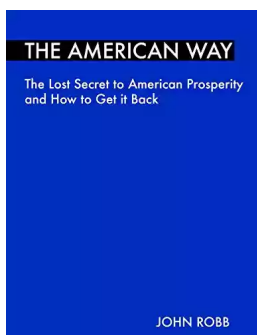


A sparkling collection of poetry from the late Iowa poet Mary Jo Homstad (1947-1978). A sensitive and witty craftsman shares her sense of magic in the people and unique landscape of northeast Iowa, her struggles with the chaos of love and her confrontations with the mystery of death. In his moving Foreword, folk artist Greg Brown writes that Mary's poems "are born in the holy and the daily flies out of them: tomatoes, old bodies, dust, family members." And yet: "Her poems slide easy as water."

A college classmate of Homstad's, who went on to become an English professor at their alma mater, sees *Planning My Escape* as "the work of a talented young poet whose life was cut short before that talent could be fully developed, a loss for us all. We should think of Keats and the Romantics. Like them, Mary saw a continuity between nature and self, or subjectivity, and used poetry to explore how the experience of one was formative of the other. In her poetry the spiritual inhabits the material world, and the struggle is joined between modern emptiness and the fullness of an open heart."- Nicholas Eric Preus, emeritus professor of English, Luther College.

Most of these 145 poems were previously collected in *Weavings*, published in 1980, shortly after the poet's death. A first print run of 600 copies led to a second edition. A dozen poems appear here in print for the first time. "Mary thought of herself as a poet," according to her brother Carl. *Planning My Escape* is likely to make that opinion universal.

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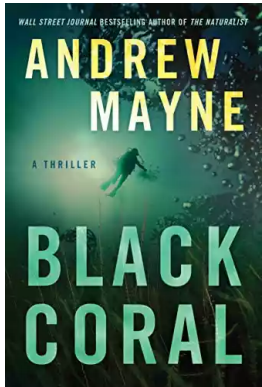
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