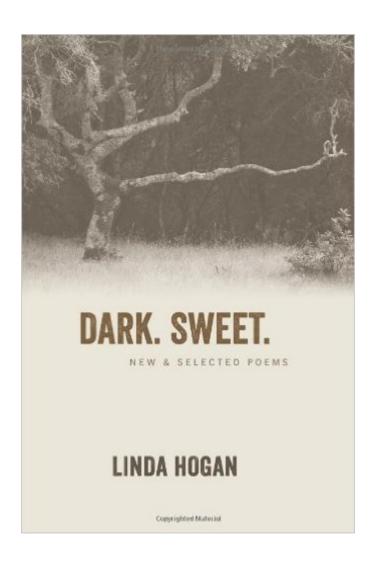
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# Dark. Sweet.: New & Selected Poems





## **Synopsis**

Dark. Sweet. offers readers the sweep of LindaHogan's work—environmental and spiritual concerns, her Chickasaw heritage—in spare, elemental, visionary language.From "Those Who Thunder":Those who thunderhave dark hairand red throw rugs.They burn paper in bathroom sinks.Their voices refuse to sufferand their silences know the waystraight to the heart;it's bus route number eight.Linda Hogan is the recipient of the 2007 Mountains and Plains Booksellers Spirit of the West Literary Achievement Award. She is also a recipient of the 2016 PEN New England Henry David Thoreau Prize. Her poetry has received an American Book Award, Colorado Book Award, and a National Book Critics Circle nomination.

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Linda Hogan is one of our country's best and most important writers. Her personal and spiritual dedication to the natural world is inspiring. The poetry is selected from her many earlier books along new work this Lind Hogan fan will love and read many times. Her language is crisp and uncluttered, making her thoughts and images accessible to all readers. Some of the poems, such as "The History of Red," and "Maps" (among others), I read over and over marveling each time.

Often a  $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A}$  Âcenew and selected $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A}$  • volume largely comprises the  $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A}$  Âceselected $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A}$  • and merely hints at the material the writer is currently composing. In DARK.SWEET., however, we $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A}$  Â<sup>TM</sup>re treated to an entire new body of work, 120 pages of her continuing journey of making

peace with the unjust, of her love affair with life.

Linda Hogan's Dark.Sweet.: New and Selected Poems reminds me of the forest I walk in every evening. I walk to listen; I walk to feel; I walk to see what's new since the day before and what has remained the same. These are much the same reasons I pick up this anthology from next to my rocking chair and browse through it. Hogan has a connection to the world around her, as well as the worlds within, that shines through in every poem, and this is what speaks to me like the forest. Her words make me feel, raising an echo in my heart and memory more often than not. They invite me to see what's newâ Â"things that she has experienced and felt that I have notâ Â"while at the same time reminding me of what we share as humans, as women, as poets, as people walking this earth together, and how the past still exists, layered under the immediacy of day to day. I have a feeling that Dark. Sweet. will be a daily companion for me for some time and look forward to each and every visit I will have in its pages. by Khadijah A.for Story Circle Book Reviewsreviewing books by, for, and about women

I was delighted when I received my copy of Dark, Sweet to find that it was so thick. Full of rich poems from Linda. I devour it like chocolate. I love the way she describes nature. My favorite poem is Carry...if you like Linda's writing or you love nature you must get this book.

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