

Soul Whispers – A Review

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Abstract

"Soul Whispers" is a poetry collection by Manoj Krishnan that intimately explores themes of love, loss, anguish, and awakening, while illuminating an enduring hope. Dedicated to the poet's departed parents, the work transforms personal pain into profound philosophy and longing into verse. Through honest reflections on suffering, resilience, dreams, and inner happiness, the collection affirms the necessity of poetry for spiritual endurance and healing, reminding readers of shared humanity and the soul's persistent song amid silence.

Keywords

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Review

This review unveils not merely a book, but a window into a soul. The book is titled "SOUL WHISPERS." And indeed, that is what it is - whispers of a soul that has journeyed through love and loss, through anguish and awakening, and has still emerged carrying the quiet lamp of hope.

The poet, Manoj Krishnan in offering this work, has also offered a piece of his own life. Each poem breathes with intimacy, as though written in the silent hours when the heart speaks its most tender truths. At the core of this collection is an act of devotion. The poet dedicates these verses to his parents, who are no longer with him, but whose presence lingers in every page, in every word, in every breath of memory.

The poet reflects the following on going through his mother's handbag:

I found one handkerchief, imbued with her lingering fragrance.
 And her favourite face powder, its lid half-broken, rested within
 Also, a letter folded with care, that my father had penned to her
 In the side zip, I found a photograph of myself at one year old.
 Rummaging through these chambers of my mother's handbag,
 As if my past had come alive and I could see her in every frame

In *Soul Whispers* Manoj Krishnan has transmuted pain into philosophy, longing into verse, and silence into song. He has laid bare his anguish, yes, but also his resilience. He has written of dreams, some fulfilled, some deferred, but never abandoned. He has written of hope - an undiminished, unwavering hope that carries the reader forward like a steady flame in darkness.

There is a profound honesty in each word. The poems do not pretend that life is without suffering. They do not shy away from loneliness or the questions that weigh upon every human heart. But neither do they surrender to despair. Instead, they affirm again and again that within every struggle lies the seed of meaning, and within every ending, a quiet beginning awaits and the following lines illustrate this:

I yearn to relish my life and its trail amid all odds
 Every passing day reminds me that this life is short
 If destiny has not etched, all that I have dreamt
 I will still embark on a new voyage with new spirits.
 Happiness from within sprouts from hope's seeds
 But when the hope itself is dashed, join its pieces
 Who knows, a new hope may rekindle in this heart
 That may inundate this life with pleasure and mirth.

Conclusion

Soul Whispers reminds readers that poetry is a necessity of the spirit. It is how people endure, how they heal, and how they keep alive the invisible threads of love. The poet's words remind readers of shared humanity - dreams and doubts, failures and courage, brokenness and beauty.

As readers turn these pages, they are not only reading another's story – they echo their own whispers, those secret murmurs of the soul that too often go unheard in the noise of life.

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