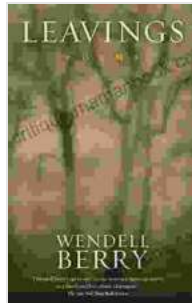


Leavings Poems by Wendell Berry: A Poetic Exploration of Rural Life and Environmentalism



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Wendell Berry is one of the most important and influential poets writing in the United States today. His work is characterized by its deep love for the land, its commitment to social justice, and its clear-eyed vision of the human condition.

Leavings Poems, published in 1980, is one of Berry's most powerful and moving works. The poems in this collection explore the beauty and fragility of rural life, the importance of environmental stewardship, and the human need for connection to the natural world.

Berry's poems are often set in his native Kentucky, and they are filled with vivid descriptions of the natural world. In "The Wild Geese," for example, Berry describes the geese as they fly over his farm at dusk:



“I have watched them circle

A thousand times

Above this pond,

And I have always

Been awed

By their flight,

By the wild

And perfect

Motion of their

Wings.”

Berry's poems are not simply celebrations of the natural world, however. He is also deeply aware of the threats to the environment, and he writes about them with a sense of urgency.

In "The Burning Fields," for example, Berry describes the devastation caused by mountaintop removal mining:





“The hills are burning

And the rivers are

Running black

With the ash

Of the trees.”

Berry's poems are not all despairing, however. He also writes about the hope of renewal, and he encourages his readers to work together to create a more just and sustainable world.

In "A Timbered Choir," for example, Berry describes a group of trees that have been planted in a strip mine:



“The trees are young

But they are growing

And they will

Sing a choir

Of green

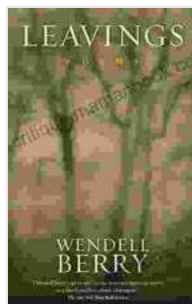
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Reclaimed land.”

Leavings Poems is a powerful and moving collection of poems that explores the beauty and fragility of rural life, the importance of environmental stewardship, and the human need for connection to the natural world. Berry's poems are essential reading for anyone who cares about the future of our planet.

Here are some additional resources on Wendell Berry and Leavings Poems:

- Wendell Berry at the Poetry Foundation
- Leavings Poems at JSTOR
- Leavings Poems at Amazon



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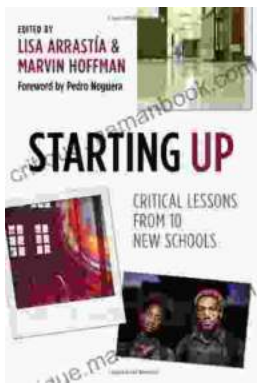
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