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Running The Dusk



Synopsis

Christian Campbell takes us to dusk, what the French call l'heure entre chien et loup, the hour between dog and wolf, to explore ambiguity and intersection, danger and desire, loss and possibility. These poems of wild imagination shift shape and shift generation, remapping Caribbean, British and African American geographies: Oxford becomes Oxfraud; Shabba Ranks duets with Césaire; Sidney Poitier is reconsidered in an exam question; market women hawk poetry beside knock-off Gucci bags; elegies for ancestors are also for land and sea. Here is dancing at the crossroads between reverence and irreverence. Dusk is memory, dusk is dream, dusk is a way to re-imagine the past. Running the Dusk won the 2010 Aldeburgh First Collection Prize and was shortlisted for the 2010 Forward Poetry Prize for the Best First Book in the UK. It was also named a finalist for the Cave Canem Prize by Sonia Sanchez.

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This book exceeded my expectation. I would put it on my shelf amongst the best of Caribbean writers and poets. This book took me through emotional ups and downs, at times I felt euphoric and at some points I cried. I think this is also partly because of my familiarity to the life and times I share also coming from The Bahamas. I felt similar emotions while reading Rumi. I think this book will stay with us long after we are gone.

Lots of people say the love poetry but don't buy the books. If you are a person like that, I encourage you to let this wonderful new collection to break that pattern. This collection set my imagination free and took my spirit on an amazing journey. My highest praises to the author!

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