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A Fire Is Burning It Is In Me: The Life And Writings Of Michiyo Fukaya



Synopsis

Michiyo Fukaya, a Japanese-American lesbian poet and activist, was also a single mother of a mixed-race daughter, living on welfare, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and adult sexual assault, and a woman of color in an all white environment. This collection portrays her life and that of a concerned lesbian community which was deeply affected by her presence. Edited by L. Shervington and Winner of Best of Small Press.

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This was my first time reading Michiyo's work after reading the speech she gave 3rd world gay and lesbian conference in 1979. This book moved me to tears and at times to moments of tenderness. I was struck by the depth and range of her poetic style - at times, she is poignant and soft.. other times incendiary and raging in her desire to be heard and seen as a queer Japanese American lesbian. The book is also interspersed with narratives from colleagues, activists, former lovers, and friends who knew her--all of which give some interesting accounts of her personality, oppressions, and life. Her work is definitely underrated. Would definitely recommend this book to any feminist reader.

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