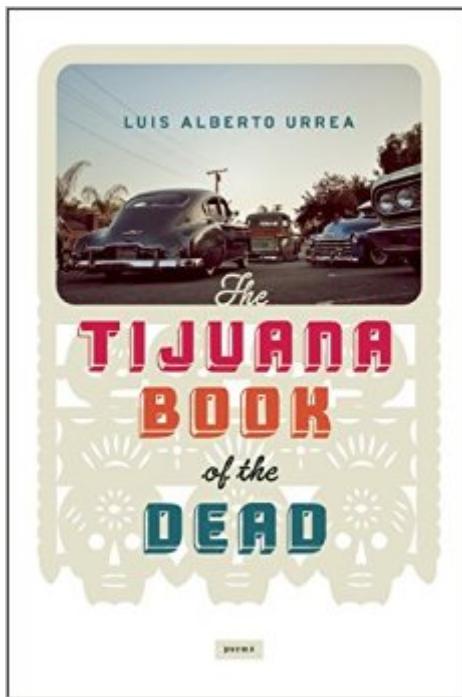


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Luis Alberto Urrea is an amazing author. Not only a poet but superb at fiction, historical fiction, and

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I'm a huge fan of Urrea's so my review may not be the most objective of a writer of such immense talent....i can only say if you're not familiar with Urrea's writing my recommendation is to take a chance....fiction, non fiction, poetry.....you won't be sorry.....

This is one of my all-time favorite poetry books. The poems demonstrate a great range of ideas. Two of my favorites are "Help Me" and "Song of Praise" but there isn't a bad one in the bunch. A few of the poems are in Spanish, but with a little help, you can kind of figure out what they mean--but the way they sound in Spanish is so much more dramatic. Funny, sad, pensive, strident - the book has so much to offer that it's definitely worth reading more than once. I've shared it with several people who have all enjoyed it as much as I did.

I love this collection of poems from my favorite author- Luis Alberto Urrea. The poems are powerful, the imagery is vivid and the messages are strong. Very moving.

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