

DARKNESS AND LIGHT BY KEVIN DUTTON

Reviewed by Hannah Miller

Darkness and Light makes for a very enjoyable read. It includes a beautiful array of 76 poems, all emanating different moods and feelings. Each paints a picture of a reality that I'm sure a lot of people can relate to. Dutton deals with many subjects as opposed to just one. We read about what many people wouldn't usually ponder upon. Each poem appears to be written straight from Dutton's heart.

Dutton's greatest strength has got to be the way he can take a complex subject and turn it into a wonderful, simple and to the point poem. For me, I think that "Beauty Queen" was one of the most heart wrenching writes I have read in a very long time. It really reaches out and tugs on the heartstrings. It's a subject that should be thought about more often than it really is. Dutton's written it in such a way that it really opens your eyes and makes you see one of many flaws in this world.

In turn, "The Soldier" was a deep subject, which made me sad when reading it because what Dutton's written is extremely true, and widely ignored. He really makes us realise where respect is due.

Every poem has its own unique quality. A great success from a fantastic poet.

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