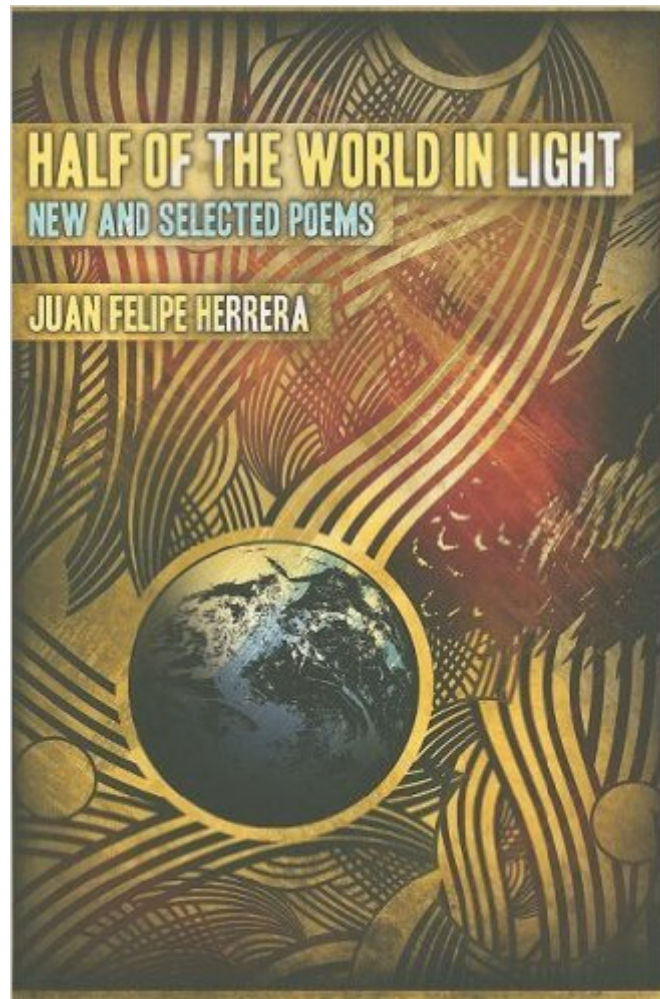


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Lovey, simply lovely. I don't review a lot of poetry, I feel my simple prose is often inadequate to describe the beauty of the words which flow from these artist's pens. I feel like I am a simple craftsman house painter trying to critique Michelangelo's painting of the Sistine Chapel ("His work

did a good job of covering the cracks, and he never painted over the borders"). But Mr. Herrera, the newly named poet laureate, is almost a neighbor of mine, so when I read this book of art put to pen, I felt I had to review it. I quote one of the poems: FIVE DIRECTIONS TO MY HOUSE
1. Go back to the grain yellow hills where the broken speak of elegance
2. Walk up to the canvas door, the short bed stretched against the clouds
3. Beneath the earth, an ant writes with the grace of a governor
4. Blow, blow Red Tail Hawk, your hidden sleeve "your desert secrets"
5. You are there, almost, without a name, without a body, go now
6. I said five, said five like a guitar says six.
My review- I give it five stars. The work speaks for itself.

Juanito speaks of a world without using his eyes. He is attuned to all the senses to tell his stories, write his poems and state his truths!

This is one amazing compilation on English, Spanish, and bilingual poems. A well crafted collection that demonstrates the authors equal eloquence in both languages!

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Excelent. Great poet!

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