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Works And Days

Bernadette Mayer



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Synopsis

A brand spanking new collection, *Works and Days* is classic Bernadette Mayer: fresh, learned, exciting, and endlessly surprising Part springtime journal (â œwhy are there thorns?â •), *Works and Days* meditates on the first wasps and chipmunks of the season, timesâ™ passage, grackle hearts, and dandelions, while also collecting dozens of poems considering the Catholic Church, Sir Thomas Browne, â œGo Awayâ • welcome mats, books, floods (â œnever of dollar moneyâ •), the invention of words, local politics, friendships, property development, dogs, and Hesiod. Every page delights. As the poet herself notes: â œMy name is Bernadette Mayer, sometimes / I am at the head of my class.â •

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"Works and Days" is a great addition to Bernadette Mayer's body of work. The book works as (in a nod to Hesiod's "Works and Days") a kind of farmer's almanac. Intertwined among the poems, Mayer chronicles each day of Spring. From March to June, Mayer notes the weather, sounds, shapes, political events: the everyday insignificant (or maybe not insignificant) events that shape her life in upstate New York. Her chronicling gives the reader insight into the strange but always though-provoking connections made by her poetry. (like: "Be waryOf them, of getting mail from a bankAnd a flyer from the dollar storeIn which everything is more than a dollarExcept sardines, I don't even have a bankAccount but I saw a rainbow in the woods once")

No frills, moâ™ thrills! Bernadette donâ™t chill. Soul. This is whatâ™s missing from the news and

politics won't fix. Swoops from easy read to English as a foreign language. She broadcasts loud and clear across the whole bandwidth of tomorrow's poetic skill. I want a dark chocolate truffle/To bolster my reading of the book/About grave-robbing and phrenology • I would budot clawr rwalc turopo urpot oporutâ • Also note this book cover's cool beauty by Seton Smith makes it a perfect gift.

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