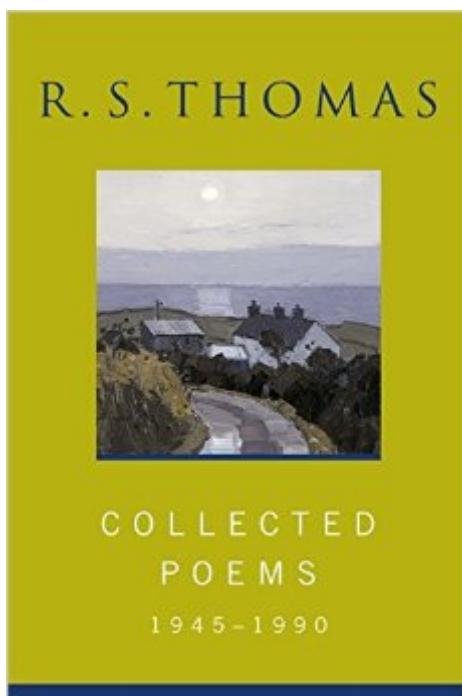


The book was found

Collected Poems : R S Thomas



Synopsis

Published to mark the poet's 80th birthday, this collection confirms R. S. Thomas as our pre-eminent poet. 'This is the book I've been waiting for' Ted Hughes

Book Information

Paperback: 560 pages

Publisher: Phoenix (an Imprint of The Orion Publishing Group Ltd) (October 5, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0753811057

ISBN-13: 978-0753811054

Product Dimensions: 7.8 x 1.4 x 6.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (8 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #185,612 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #74 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Reference #247 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > British & Irish > Poetry #382 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > History & Surveys

Customer Reviews

Welshman R.S. Thomas is the author of some of the most memorable religious poetry of the century. As a clergyman in rural Wales Thomas had to face a country and a church in decline; this inspired poetry of an austere beauty. The poem "The Bright Field" seems to me to capture the essence of Thomas' poetry: "I have seen the sun break through / to illuminate a small field / for a while, and gone my way / and forgotten it. But that was the pearl / of great price, the one field that had / the treasure in it. I realize now / that I must give all that I have / to possess it. Life is not hurrying // on to a receding future, nor hankering after / an imagined past. It is the turning / aside like Moses to the miracle / of the burning bush, to a brightness / that seemed as transitory as your youth / once, but is the eternity that awaits you."

Close to half a century of his poetry; unique, forthright, deeply reflective; a journey into spiritual and cultural ambivalence, where contrasting and opposite images and ideas battle to be reconciled.

R S Thomas has got to be in the top five poets of the 20th Century. If you're after confirmation of pleasing platitudes or gooey emotionalism, go elsewhere. These are poems rich in insight and surprising spiritual epiphanies.

Not as well-known as his Welsh namesake, Dylan, R.S. Thomas wrote wonderful poetry often encapsulating the spirit of his homeland. Born in my home town of Cardiff in Wales, Thomas was known in his lifetime as much as an eloquent and passionate preacher as he was as a poet. Although all these poems are in English, Thomas was a great advocate of all aspects of Welshness, though he did not learn the language until he was an adult. There is no Commentary in this collection on the man or his work, but it provides a comprehensive overview of Thomas' poetry with over four hundred examples, steeped in the Wales he knew all of his life. I cannot compare his poetic style with anyone, for it is unique. This is a collection for those who wish to know something of the atmosphere of life in Wales during the twentieth century.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Collected Poems : R S Thomas Shakespeare & Co.: Christopher Marlowe, Thomas Dekker, Ben Jonson, Thomas Middleton, John Fletcher and the Other Players in His Story The Age of Reason - Thomas Paine (Writings of Thomas Paine) Three Early Modern Utopias: Thomas More: Utopia / Francis Bacon: New Atlantis / Henry Neville: The Isle of Pines: Sir Thomas More's "Utopia", Francis Bacon's "New A (Oxford World's Classics) Thomas Jefferson: The Amazing Life of Thomas Jefferson (Historical Biography) Thomas Paine : Collected Writings : Common Sense / The Crisis / Rights of Man / The Age of Reason / Pamphlets, Articles, and Letters (Library of America) The Collected Works of Sigurd F. Olson: The College Years, 1935-1944 (Olson, Sigurd F//Collected Works of Sigurd F Olson) Music to the Film "Alone" Op. 26: New Collected Works of Dmitri Shostakovich - Volume 123 (Dmitri Shostakovich New Collected Works, Volume 123) We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay! And Other Works: The Collected Plays of Dario Fo, Volume One (Collected Plays of Dario Fo (Paperback)) Collected Poems (Macmillan Collector's Library Book 15) Collected Poems (Macmillan Collector's Library) The Collected Poems of W.B. Yeats Collected Poems, 1909-1962 Michael Dransfield: Collected Poems Francis Webb: Collected Poems The Collected Poems of Octavio Paz: 1957-1987 (Bilingual Edition) Map: Collected and Last Poems The Collected Poems: A Bilingual Edition (Revised) The Collected Poems of Georges Bataille Darkness Spoken: The Collected Poems of Ingeborg Bachmann (German Edition)

[Dmca](#)