



Suntrap Book Review

Winter: An Anthology for the Changing Seasons

Edited by Melissa Harrison

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Age range: All ages



Description

Winter is a withdrawal: quiet and dark and cold. But in the dim light frost shimmers, stars twinkle and hearths blaze as we come together to keep out the chill. In spite of the season, life persists: visiting birds fill our skies, familiar creatures find clever ways to survive, and the world reveals winter riches to those willing to venture outdoors.

In prose and poetry spanning seven hundred years, *Winter* delights in the brisk pleasures and enduring beauty of the year's turning. Featuring new writing from Patrick Barkham, Satish Kumar and Anita Sethi, extracts from the work of Robert Macfarlane, James Joyce and Kathleen Jamie, and a range of exciting new voices from across the UK, this invigorating collection evokes the joys and the consolations of this magical time of year.

Reviews

"Be inspired on a winter walk by writers who adore the frosty season" -- Country Walking magazine

"To open its covers is to open onto a landscape which you have not yet crossed and to feel yourself beckoned in. This book will take you from mountain heights to urban jungle, and from the back of a cow shed to the slippery deck of an 18th Century sailing ship. ... If you want a book to help reduce your heating bills this Winter, this could be it. The cosy effect of curling up with it will work wonders." --Richard Littledale, blogger

"Packed with good writing ... a good mixture of familiar and unfamiliar" --Mark Avery

"Just adorable... it's the most beautiful writing. Makes you feel in keeping with the seasons" - Karen Gimson, BBC Radio Leicester

"Compelling reading ... what is original about this collection is not just the diversity of relatively unknown talent on show, but the quality of the work" -- Tom Mooney, Wexford Echo

"The only way to convey just how glorious this book is, is to say, just buy it. I think these anthologies are outstanding, with such rich and eclectic selections, that they are an absolute must for nature lovers everywhere." --lindasbookbag.com, on Winter