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The Road by Heart

Poems of Fatherhood

edited by Greg Watson and Richard Broderick

There are numerous books in print about parenting and family development, but few like this one, in which fathers offer their own accounts of being fathers from a startling variety of perspectives. Editors Greg Watson and Richard Broderick have masterfully gathered poignant, first-hand accounts of moments in a father's life from teething to burying; reflective poems describing the arc of fatherhood; accounts of insight, struggle, humor, grief, and delight gained while being a father; and epiphanies that occur only to parents.

The list of contributors reads like a who's who of contemporary and twentieth century greats. Included among them are Yehuda Amichai, Robert Bly, Michael Dennis Browne, Charles Bukowski, Hayden Carruth, Jim Harrison, Seamus Heaney, Sean Hill, David Ignatow, Stanley Kunitz, Li-Young Lee, Howard Nemerov, Kenneth Rexroth, Larry Smith, William Stafford, Gerald Stern, Richard Wilbur, and William Carlos Williams. Poets of regional stature are also well represented, including Mike Finley, Danny Klecko, James P. Lenfestey, Thomas McGrath, David Mura, Tim Nolan, and George Roberts. The worlds that open to view here are not ones that commonly appear in print. The emotions are deep, and often close to inexpressible. The voices are reticent, halting, tender. At the beach, a baseball game, or the dinner table, things happen that no parent wants to forget.

ABOUT THE EDITORS:

Greg Watson's work has appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies, including *The Wind Blows, the Ice Breaks: Poems of Loss and Renewal by Minnesota Poets*, and the **Saint Paul Almanac**. His most recent collection is *All the World at Once: New and Selected Poems*, published by Nodin Press.

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