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Head of the Lakes

Selected Short Stories

Anthony Bukoski

In this collection, Anthony Bukoski has selected the best stories from his long publishing career, which are currently scattered among several hard to find editions. Most of the stories take place in an ethnic neighborhood in Superior, Wisconsin, the westernmost port on the Great Lakes. In a variety of ways, Bukoski's characters are in need of emotional and spiritual fulfillment, and for them, these bleak, wind-swept streets at the end of the line offer a chance for love and hope. Sometimes they get lucky—for a day, or a month. A minor league baseball player meets the girl of his dreams during a season in the Texas League; a Polish sailor finds the stability he desires when he leaves his ship to live with a family in Superior; an English as a Second Language teacher learns an important lesson from a young Vietnamese immigrant about the languages of the heart.

The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* writes of his stories: "Anthony Bukoski is a wise enough traveler in the human psyche to know that Superior, Wisconsin, like any place well understood, can become the world," and *Publisher's Weekly* calls his atmospheric tales "a moving testament to a wintry region and its hardy inhabitants."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Anthony Bukoski lives with his wife in the country outside of Superior, Wisconsin, the port city where his immigrant grandparents settled. His short stories and essays have been broadcast on Wisconsin Public Radio, and his story "Time Between Trains," read by the actor Liev Schreiber, aired on National Public Radio. The author of several books, Bukoski has won writing awards from, among others, the Christopher Isherwood Foundation, the Council for Wisconsin Writers, the Wisconsin Library Association, and the Polish American Historical Association. He is a Fellow of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters.

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