

# Ice Floe: New Selected Poems by John Ashbery



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John Ashbery's *Ice Floe: New Selected Poems* is a dazzling collection of poems that span the author's illustrious career. The poems are as diverse as the landscapes they evoke, from the icy wastes of Antarctica to the bustling streets of New York City. Ashbery's signature style—a playful blend of the lyrical and the abstract—is on full display here, as he explores themes of love, loss, and the nature of reality.

The book is divided into five sections, each of which represents a different period in Ashbery's life and work. The first section, "The New Spirit," contains poems from Ashbery's early years, when he was first establishing himself as a groundbreaking poet. The poems in this section are characterized by their experimental language and their focus on the inner life of the mind. The second section, "Houseboat Days," features poems from Ashbery's middle years, when he was living in New York City and writing some of his most acclaimed work. The poems in this section are more personal and reflective, and they often explore themes of love and loss.

The third section, "A Wave," contains poems from Ashbery's later years, when he was living in Hudson, New York. The poems in this section are more contemplative and serene, and they often reflect on the nature of time and the meaning of life. The fourth section, "As Umbrellas Follow Rain," contains poems that were written specifically for this collection. These poems are some of Ashbery's most recent work, and they show that he is still as sharp and innovative as ever.

*Ice Floe: New Selected Poems* is an essential collection for any fan of John Ashbery. The poems are brilliant, moving, and thought-provoking, and they offer a unique glimpse into the mind of one of the most important poets of our time.

Here is a sample poem from the collection:



**“ *The Ice Floe* ”**

***I stood on the ice floe, And the wind whipped around me. I could see for miles In every direction.***

***I was alone, But I did not feel lonely. I was surrounded by beauty, And I was filled with peace.***

***The ice floe was moving slowly, And I could feel the current carrying me. I did not know where I was going, But I did not care.***

***I was content to be there, In that moment, On that ice floe, In that vast, empty space. ”***

*Ice Floe: New Selected Poems* is available now from all major bookstores.

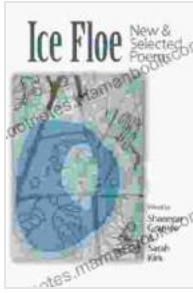
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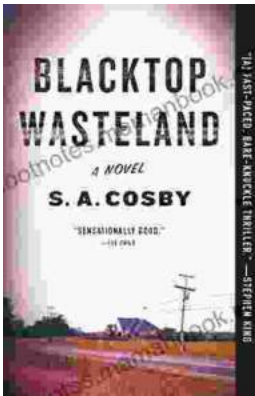
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