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# She Had Some Horses: Poems



## Synopsis

A new edition of the beloved volume by Joy Harjo, one of our foremost Native American poets. First published in 1983 and now considered a classic, *She Had Some Horses* is a powerful exploration of womanhood's most intimate moments. Joy Harjo's poems speak of women's despair, of their imprisonment and ruin at the hands of men and society, but also of their awakenings, power, and love.

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## Customer Reviews

A reissue of a classic anthology of poetry, "She Had Some Horses" is a fine work from experienced poet and woman of the world Joy Harjo. Focusing on the subject of womanhood and the woman's place in society, "She Had Some Horses" is an enjoyable work of poetry, perfect for feminist reads.

"Connection": A hawk touches down/the humming earth before Miami,/Oklahoma./You Old Shawnee, I think/of your rugged ways/the slick-floored bars and whiskey/sour nights when the softer heart/comes part./The Spokane you roam isn't City of the Angels/but another kind of wilderness./You speed in a Ford truck and it's five/in the morning, the suns and dogs/only ones up/and you go home to red earth/when you see a hawk/crossing wires/touching down.

Once has never been enough for my readings of this book. Harjo's poetry is both technically beautiful and inspiring. Engaging themes of womanhood, native American heritage, and the body run through this seamless volume of contemporary verse. Reading it has been a comfort, and some of the images contained therein were so vivid I was even inspired to attempt recreating them as

visual art. This collection from highly talented writer and performer Joy Harjo comes highly recommended.

This book is beautiful and the writing pulls you in. This was for a native American lit class, so I imagine it was easier to accept some of the ambiguity within the text. With that said, I would still have enjoyed this book without the study of what it means

I have loved Joy Harjo's writing for some time. It can be raw at times. It is heart wrenching at times. It cuts through her truth of life with powerful poetic beauty and evokes images, and memories that speak to my soul. This book is no exception.

Although this book of poems came highly recommended, I found the poet is not really my type. I will try and go back to the book in a few months and see if I have changed my view. Always worth another try!

The poetry reflects a life full of struggle, heart and hope. We feel her pains, we feel her joy. She helps us connect with past, present and future. She shares, we learn.

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