

The book was found

Darkness Spoken: The Collected Poems Of Ingeborg Bachmann (German Edition)



Synopsis

Darkness Spoken gathers together Ingeborg Bachmann's two celebrated books of poetry, as well as early and late poems not collected in book form, over 100 of them appearing in English for the first time, as well as 25 poems never before published in German. Bachmann is considered one of the most important poets to emerge in postwar German letters, and this volume represents the largest collection available in English translation. Influencing numerous writers from Thomas Bernhard to Christa Wolf to Elfriede Jelinek (winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in Literature), Bachmann's poetic investigation into the nature and limits of language in the face of historical violence remains unmatched in its ability to combine philosophical insight with haunting lyricism. Bachmann was born in 1926 in Klagenfurt, Austria. She studied philosophy at the universities of Innsbruck, Graz, and Vienna. In 1953 she received the poetry prize from Gruppe 47 for her first volume, *Borrowed Time* (*Die gestundete Zeit*). Her second collection, *Invocation of the Great Bear* (*Anrufung des großen Bären*), appeared in 1956. Her various awards include the Georg Büchner Prize, the Berlin Critics Prize, the Bremen Award, and the Austrian State Prize for Literature. Writing and publishing essays, opera libretti, short stories, and novels as well, she divided her time between Munich, Zurich, Berlin, and Rome, where she died from a fire in her apartment in 1973. Peter Filkins has published two volumes of poetry, *What She Knew* (1998) and *After Homer* (2002), and has translated Bachmann's *The Book of Franza* and *Requiem for Fanny Goldmann*. He is the recipient of an Outstanding Translation Award from the American Literary Translators Association and the Berlin Prize from the American Academy in Berlin. He teaches at Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Book Information

Paperback: 688 pages

Publisher: Zephyr Press; Bilingual edition (October 1, 2005)

Language: German

ISBN-10: 0939010844

ISBN-13: 978-0939010844

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 1.6 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.7 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars See all reviews (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #559,153 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #124 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > European > German

Customer Reviews

Darkness Spoken: The Collected Poems of Ingeborg Bachmann
The hauntingly beautiful poems in this volume give expression to a deep and often brooding poetic consciousness which is one and the same as language. Set free--the word is not casually chosen--language reconfigures itself in an act of renewal, achieving a new vitality. Thus, ultimately, no matter how somber they may be, in their very existence, the poems strike a note of historic victory over all of those forces of darkness that surround the poet. "Libraries," a poem from 1945 - 1956, is revealing of the quality and historic importance of the poems: "The shelves sag./The volumes are weighted down with the past./ Their sweat is dust./ The impulse is rigidity./ They no longer struggle./ They have saved themselves/upon the island of knowledge./Somedimes they've lost their conscience./Here and there, protruding/from them, human fingers/point directly towards life/or towards heaven. Clearly, language is mired in the past, is petrified, no longer engaged in any vitality-giving struggle, and no longer engaged in acts of conscience. The final four lines are mysterious; but one possibility is that even within this stagnant heap of language, encouraging human signs are to be found. These, surely, are the inspiration for Ingeborg Bachmann's poetry, here collected. This reviewer is in no position to compare Filkins' translations with the original German texts that accompany them. In their own right, at the very least, they are pleasant enough.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Darkness Spoken: The Collected Poems of Ingeborg Bachmann (German Edition) German: Learn German with These 500 Phrases (German Language, Speak German, Learning German, Germany Language, Austria Language, Learning German, Speaking German) This Present
Darkness/Piercing the Darkness: Piercing the Darkness German Shepherd 101: How to Care for German Shepherd Puppies and Have a Healthy Happy Dog (German Shepherd Puppies, German Shepherd) Darkness Sticks to Everything: Collected and New Poems Gateway to German Lieders: An Anthology of German Song and Interpretation (English and German Edition) German Short Stories For Beginners: 8 Unconventional Short Stories to Grow Your Vocabulary and Learn German the Fun Way! (German Edition) Learn German! More than 100 didactic texts to learn and improve your German: Learn vocabulary and grammar while you are reading (German Edition) Monte Cooks World of Darkness (World of Darkness (White Wolf Hardcover)) Learn German Step by Step: German Language Practical Guide for Beginners (Learn German, Learn Spanish, Learn French, Learn Italian) German Shepherd Training: How To Be Boss! (German Shepherd Training, Police Dogs, German Shepherd Dogs) Langenscheidt Standard Dictionary German: German - English /

English - German. 130,000 references Spoken Dialogue Technology Talk English: The Secret To Speak English Like A Native In 6 Months For Busy People (Including 1 Lesson With Free Audio & Video) (Spoken English, listen English, Speak English, English Pronunciation) The Power of the Spoken Word Fidel Castro: My Life: A Spoken Autobiography The Ecology of the Spoken Word: ian Storytelling and the Shamanism among the Napo Runa I Have Spoken: a Chapbook of Native American Poetry by a Native American author Take the Mic: The Art of Performance Poetry, Slam, and the Spoken Word (A Poetry Speaks Experience) The Well-Spoken Thesaurus: The Most Powerful Ways to Say Everyday Words and Phrases

[Dmca](#)