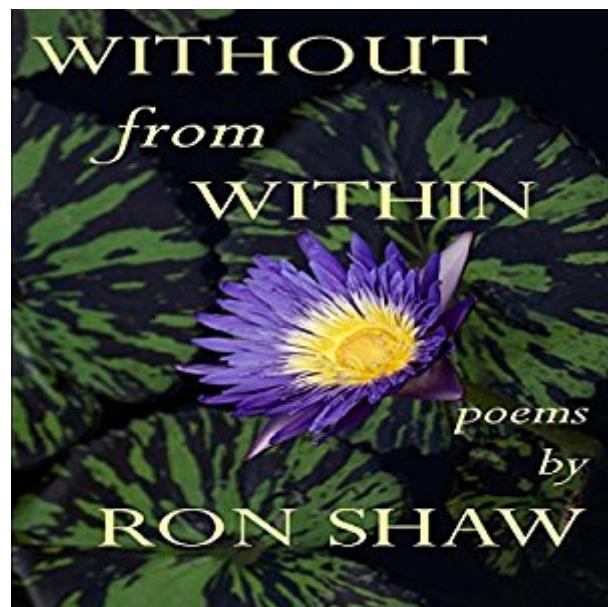


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# Without From Within: Poems By Ron Shaw



## **Synopsis**

After publishing 12 works from deep within me, the innate urge to express myself in an entirely different manner overtook me. As far back as I can remember, reading poetry has always been a passion. It may well have been one of the key factors in choosing English Literature as my college major. This collection is the result of exposing my soul and heart in a way I'd never dreamed of doing. While my other works in publication are integral parts of me, I now understand that poetry is the essence of who I was, am, and forever will be. With the understanding that these are my inaugural offerings and with the compassion to allow a heart without and soul within to falter, I hope you enjoy my poems.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Without from Within, is a collection of 43 poems. Ronnie Shaw brings alive aspects of his life that he's written about in his other books. But there's a finality to these ruminations. It's through his verses he's able to put another spin on his amazing life. The poems are his homage to his mother. "Within From Without is dedicated to my beloved mother, Anne Mae Shaw. May her sweet soul rest in God's loving embrace." • He said that poetry abled him to express his soul in a way that other mediums couldn't. "While my other works in publication are integral parts of me, I now understand that poetry is the essence of who I was, am, and forever will be." •

There's a Robert Frost element to his work. I'm very particularly fond the poem Blue. He's got one more day at school to attend before he can go on a road trip that's sponsored by the Rotary Club. "mind wanders back to the spring of 1967 only five days left to go that school

yearteenage boy from Atlanta's inner city injeopardy, free ten-day vacation hangingin balance teetering on disaster becauseperfect attendance's sickly prospect grewmore and more dreary by feverish minute" His mother is sick also and Ronnie doesn't want to leave her at the hospital. His mother tells him to move, "You got a bus to catch." • Ronnie says the manly thing is to stay. But his mother knows he really wants to go on the trip, and tells him to scam. 3AM is another poem about his pops, and it's a tender gesture to a man he considered he's real dad. These poems show a tender side to the author.

BY God I never realised how outrageously romantic, tender, sensitive , creative and finally talented Ron is until I read his poems. You can feel the pleasure intertwining with enigmatic pain oozing out of his work giving the perfect blend of ethereal and real. The whole poetic ensemble is sublime and I recommend anyone with the love of poetry to read them. I just wish Ron will eventually publish them in Paperback to allow readers enjoy them .

The depth and imagery of these poems is of surpassing beauty. They flow and blossom from the pages, even as they rip the soul. This volume should be in every poem lover's library. Inspiring and fabulous!

Mr. Shaw stimulates our minds with his poetry. His images transcend everyday life and touch the realm of what lies beyond. In the poem, "In Sleep Within," the poet provides images of sleeping late, staying up late, and having a good time! In the poem, "Poetriology," he provides a plethora of images that challenge and stimulate our thought processes. In the poem, "Pleasure and Pain," one of my favorites, it's so descriptive of the heart in poetic fashion. In the poem, "Perfection," Mr. Shaw does an excellent job of stimulating the senses and increasing my appetite, Be sure to check it out! Another favorite of mine is the poem, "Faith." The writer has a unique way of challenging our faith and thinking about what lies beyond this life. Additional favorites are "Writer's Block," and "Gifted." I love the way he arranges his words. They are beautiful poems. Don't miss them! In summary, I'm so glad that I discovered Ron Shaw and his poetry. I would highly recommend "Without from Within."

"Without From Within..." is one of Ron Shaw's best works. It is a beautiful culmination of the sensitive, emotional journey found woven within his books...in poetic form. His poems reflect a depth of vulnerability and innocence - giving light to hope - despite the emotional heaviness they carry. Ron's words flow with a sincere honesty - portraying a heartfelt journey of life's challenges -

with a keen sense of not only what they held, but the opportunity for enlightenment they carried. I greatly enjoyed "Without From Within..." and the courage it represents. Despite my lack of fluency in the French language, I also found the French translation...beautiful. Wishing Ron the best, as he continues along this new journey. Onward!

The best poems are not just the ones that touch us through great turns of phrase, but the ones that tell a story to keep our mind reeling. Ron Shaw delivers on both counts with wonderful, concise tales from the whimsical to the existential, the dramatic to the heart wrenching. Whether it is the social commentary of "The Dole" or the relentless and intimate strength of "The Pulse", Shaw will keep you glued to the page with his thought provoking verse.

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