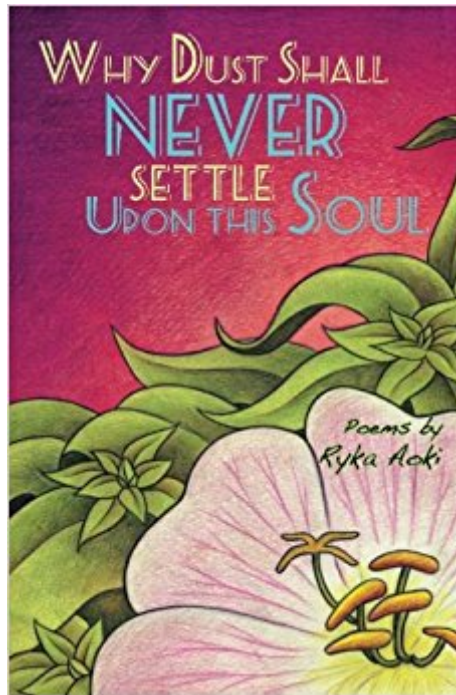




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Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul



Synopsis

Following up her 2014 novel, *He Mele A Hilo*, *Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul* is Ryka Aoki's first book dedicated completely to poetry. *Why Dust Shall Never Settle Upon This Soul* is currently a finalist for the 2016 Lambda Literary Award in Transgender Poetry.

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In the old old days, Ryka Aoki would be tagged as some kind of prophet, and the thumbsucking masses, bewildered & flummoxed by her talking stories, would stone or torch her. Forged from the ceaseless grappling match with life, living, identity, obligations, duty, home & selfhood, the poems in this striking collection are a libretto of what survives, what is elusive, what transforms or transmogrifies, and what remains primal & elemental." --Justin Chin, Author of *Gutted*, and *Bite Hard*

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Great book, great gift!

I'm not much of a poetry reader, and I'm trying to work on that, especially breaking from reading anything that would fall under the traditional poetry mould. This collection is beautiful and heartbreaking, a poignant collection featuring themes of loss, lamentation, remembrance, and survival. Each section flows into the next. Many different kinds of loss actually- the loss of trans lives, being abandoned by family and friends who can't deal with the poet's identity, and such, capturing the intra-community grief vividly. The forward was very touching as well. Definitely a collection to pick up.

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