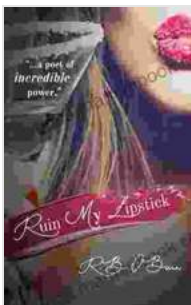


# Ruin My Lipstick: A Poetic Exploration of Love, Loss, and Empowerment

*Ruin My Lipstick* is a collection of poems by award-winning poet and essayist Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha. The book explores the complexities of love, loss, and empowerment, through the lens of a queer, disabled, and femme voice. Piepzna-Samarasinha's poems are raw, honest, and full of power, offering a unique and refreshing perspective on the human experience.

The book is divided into three sections: "Love," "Loss," and "Empowerment." Each section explores a different aspect of the human experience, from the joys and heartbreak of love to the pain and resilience of loss. Piepzna-Samarasinha's poems are unflinching in their honesty, but they are also full of hope and healing.



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In the "Love" section, Piepzna-Samarasinha explores the many facets of love, from the first blush of new romance to the depths of long-term

commitment. Her poems celebrate the joys of love, but they also acknowledge the pain that can come with it. In the poem "Love Song," she writes:

*I love you more than words can say,  
More than the sun shines or the rain falls.  
But sometimes I love you so much  
That I want to tear your heart out  
And eat it.*

The "Loss" section of the book is a journey through the pain and grief of losing a loved one. Piepzna-Samarasinha's poems are raw and honest, but they offer a glimmer of hope amidst the darkness. In the poem "Elegy," she writes:

*I miss you more than words can say,  
More than the sun shines or the rain falls.  
But I know that you are with me,  
In my heart and in my soul.*

The "Empowerment" section of the book is a celebration of the strength and resilience of the human spirit. Piepzna-Samarasinha's poems explore the challenges that we face, as well as the power that we have to overcome them. In the poem "Warrior," she writes:

*I am a warrior,  
I am strong and brave.  
I will not let anything defeat me.  
I will fight for what I believe in,  
And I will never give up.*

*Ruin My Lipstick* is a powerful and moving collection of poems that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. Piepzna-Samarasinha's voice is unique and refreshing, and her poems offer a unique perspective on the human experience. This is a book that will make you laugh, cry, and think, and it is a book that you will not soon forget.

### **Praise for *Ruin My Lipstick*:**

- “Piepzna-Samarasinha is a fearless poet who writes with honesty, vulnerability, and power. *Ruin My Lipstick* is a must-read for anyone who has ever loved, lost, or felt empowered.” — Tracy K. Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet
- “Piepzna-Samarasinha's poems are raw, honest, and full of heart. *Ruin My Lipstick* is a powerful and moving collection that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.” — Roxane Gay, author of *Bad Feminist*
- “Piepzna-Samarasinha is a brilliant poet who writes with passion, intelligence, and wit. *Ruin My Lipstick* is a stunning collection that will challenge your assumptions and open your heart.” — Kate Bornstein, author of *Gender Outlaw*

### **About the Author:**

Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha is a queer, disabled, and femme writer, performer, and organizer. She is the author of several books, including *Love Cake*, *Bodymap*, and *Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming & Healing Justice*. Piepzna-Samarasinha is a recipient of the Lambda Literary Award, the Audre Lorde Award, and the Asian American Literary Award. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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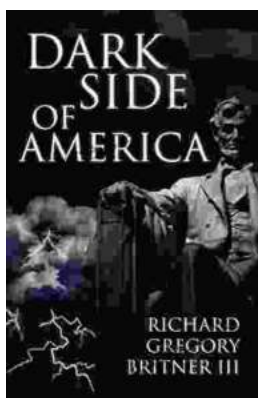
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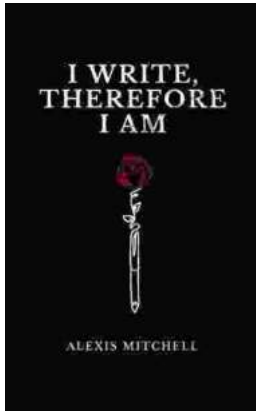
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