



## Book Review by DartFrog

*Homespun Mercies*  
DJ Hill  
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Poet DJ Hill's collection of poems and collages, *Homespun Mercies*, greets the reader on each page with surprising honesty, vulnerability and an irresistible invitation to self-reflection. The result is an immediate and sustainable engagement that propels readers forward to the next line, the next page, the next collage, well aware that in the journey through the book, they will arrive at a better understanding of themselves.

Hill's poems are never opaque or inaccessible. They are simple but deep, immediately understandable and yet full of nuance that continues to reveal and challenge after the page has been turned. Like waves lapping up on the shores of our souls, Hill's poetry succeeds in cleansing and rebuilding, dredging and reassuring all at the same time.

The diversity of topics is wide. From friendship to fear - the changing of the seasons to the changing of our clothes - the busyness of life to shoes abandoned on the interstate - Mick Jagger to Annie Oakley - secrets we keep to love we make, Hill is adept at finding meaning and inviting introspection from all corners of life. This is not a one and done kind of book. This is a read, re-read, and re-read again kind of book, knowing that with every pass there will be new insight, fresh questions, and bold acknowledgement of life's deepest truths waiting for us.

In the first poem of the collection, Hill invites each reader to "expose your innermost self and let your heart beat wildly." *Homespun Mercies* is a rare gem that succeeds in doing just that.