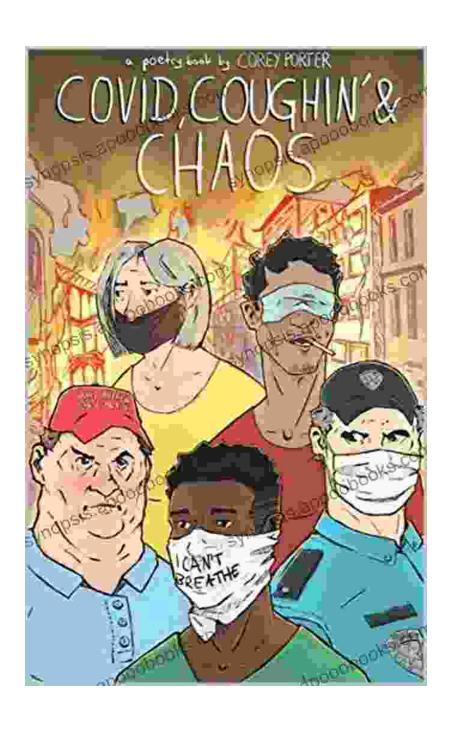
# **Unveiling the Poetic Pandemic: "Covid Coughin' Chaos"**

A Literary Journey Through the Surreal and Humorous Landscape of COVID-19



In the midst of the unprecedented global upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a unique and unexpected literary offering has emerged: "Covid Coughin' Chaos Poetry," a tapestry of verse that weaves together the surreal, the humorous, and the often-tragic experiences of living through this extraordinary time.



#### Covid, Coughin' & Chaos - A Poetry Book by Corey Porter

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This anthology, edited by the esteemed literary duo of Dr. A.F. Ayoka and Professor E.R. Emmanuel, gathers the voices of poets from around the world, each offering a distinct perspective on the pandemic's impact on their lives and communities.

#### **Navigating the Labyrinth of Lockdown**

As the world went into lockdown, the poets of "Covid Coughin' Chaos" found themselves confined within their homes, their lives turned upside down. In "Quarantine," Dana Gioia captures the surreal experience of being a prisoner in one's own abode:



"Our days are measured by the rise and fall Of temperature; the click of door counts calls. We pace our prison yard, five steps and back. We two, a rhythm of pacing, like a clock."

Others, like Lorna Goodison in "Social Distancing," find solace in the small acts of kindness that emerge amidst the chaos:



"We smile, eyes meeting, From the distance of our six feet; A frail, soft recognition In the prison of our silent street."

#### **Humor as a Coping Mechanism**

Throughout "Covid Coughin' Chaos," humor serves as a vital coping mechanism, a way for poets to process the absurdity and fear that permeate the pandemic.

In "The Great Toilet Paper Panic," Billy Collins parodies the hoarding phenomenon that gripped many during the early days of the pandemic:



"Oh, the great toilet paper scare; How we trembled, our hearts in despair; Sprinting to stores, like crazed herds; Grabbing rolls, like precious birds." Meanwhile, A.E. Stallings' "Ode to Zoom" offers a satirized look at the ubiquitous video conferencing platform:



"O meeting of disembodied heads; Our bodies gone, our voices thread; We float in boxes, a surreal sight; A chorus of faces, day and night."

### **Honoring the Lost**

Amidst the humor and surrealism, "Covid Coughin' Chaos" also offers poignant insights into the devastating human toll of the pandemic.

In "Requiem for the Forgotten," Martín Espada remembers those who died alone in hospitals, their families unable to be by their side:



"They died without a kiss or prayer; Their names, forgotten in the air; Like leaves that fall in autumn's grip; Their spirits wander, lost in ship."

Adrian Mitchell's "A Letter from Lockdown" mourns the loss of companionship and shared experiences:



"We've lost the touch, the hug, the kiss; The shared laughter, the simple bliss; Now, we're ghosts, haunting our own homes; Waiting for a day when life roams."

### **Hope in the Time of Uncertainty**

Despite the challenges and tragedies brought by the pandemic, "Covid Coughin' Chaos" also offers glimmers of hope and resilience.

In "After the Virus," Wislawa Szymborska envisions a future where the pandemic has passed and humanity has learned from its mistakes:



"We shall know a new patience For one another, we shall Be kinder, as if never before."

And in "Ode to the Pandemic," Ocean Vuong celebrates the resilience of the human spirit:



"We will emerge from this darkness; We will heal, and love, and dance; For we are the ones who endure; We are the ones who will endure."

## **A Tapestry of Emotions**

"Covid Coughin' Chaos" is an anthology that defies easy categorization. It

is a tapestry of emotions, a collage of perspectives, a kaleidoscope of

voices.

It is a testament to the power of poetry to capture the essence of our

collective experience, to give voice to our fears and hopes, and to remind

us that even in the darkest of times, there is always light to be found.

A Must-Read for Our Time

Whether you are a seasoned poetry enthusiast or a newcomer to the art

form, "Covid Coughin' Chaos" is a must-read for our time. It is a book that

will resonate with anyone who has lived through the COVID-19 pandemic,

and it will continue to offer insights and inspiration long after the pandemic

has passed.

So dive into its pages, allow the voices of these poets to transport you, and

find your own way to navigate the surreal and transformative landscape of

our global crisis.

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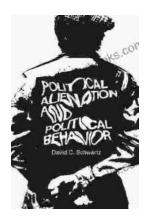
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