



Hope and Substance: Black and White Edition (Paperback)

By Dianne Cikusa

Mignon Press, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Injecting subtle ironies and caustic comments on human attitudes and biases, the author paints from a palette of virtues and vices, depicting consumerism and urban sprawl, self-imprisonment, racial opinion and suburban temper, animal abuse and environmental ethics, human corruption and redemption, ambivalence, power struggles, psychic sojourns, even an encroaching apocalypse. Employing a creative use of punctuation along with vibrant and original wordplay, the author manipulates images and symbols to produce an artistic work that is rich in metaphor and multi-layered meaning. In this verbal art space, epic-length poems combine with several shorter sequences to produce an engaging and varied collection of poetry. Rather than skimming the surface of life, the author dares us to look deeper at what is there, promoting self-awareness as a desirable attribute. It is through atmospheres of chaos and adversity, folly and grief - that the work delves coarsely, if not abruptly, into aspects of the human condition, a lack of ethics or scruples and the spiritual degradation of society. Much of the poetry is stripped of politeness, exposing raw edges and a harsh confrontation with aspects of the self...

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