

In Paradox of Being, Dewey's insightful life perspective glows through the beautiful words of his poetry. It's an intimate look at his own life, yet the thoughts and emotions are reflected in each of us as we strive to grow, live, and just 'be.' HH

I rarely read poetry, but was told this would be a book worth visiting and so it has been. I have reflected upon the thoughts written, this is not a something to be picked up and skimmed, but rather to be read slowly, gathering the experiences of the writer. It is a collection and therefore touches on several different aspects of the author's life. I found myself turning introspective as it caused me to search out my own experiences and truths. I found it to be a very interesting journey into both the writer's past and my own. I think you will find it to be as well. Find a quiet place and begin your own journey, you will be surprised where it takes you. RMcD

The Paradox of Being is a rare treasure. Although I am not normally a fan of poetry, this book makes me want to be. Written straight from the heart, the poems in this book serve as a great catalyst for introspection and reflection. Dewey brings a unique intuition to his poetry and invites us to look deeper than what we are used to seeing and feeling. RF

Chris Dewey has produced one of the most amazing and heart felt books I have ever read. Love of family, love of life, and insight into the human spirit has combined on these pages to catch us in mid breath and make us see into the corners of our soul. JD

In my last 5 weeks of travel I finally got a chance to read your book through in one sitting. I wanted to tell you it has touched me deeply. Not only because of the insights offered, but because it felt so familiar. When someone else articulates what is in your soul, there is a feeling of relief and vindication. A sense of "not-aloneness". Thank you. JL

In reading your poems, I learn so much more about my special friend. You are gentle yet strong, want to support the world in any way you can, seek to help those less fortunate, extremely analytical of what is going on around you that may or may not be spoken, although a genius, you never talk down to those who may not have as much book knowledge, and yet...you, yes YOU are nevertheless, searching for unseen and unspoken answers...answers that cannot be found in college books...groping and trying to make sense of this thing called life.... SP

I read some of your poems again during lunch. I am awed by their beauty and sincerity. They are not merely from you. They are you. I think that is why they are so beautiful. You don't write merely to cover an empty space that you feel sorry for. You pour out your heart in your writing, so that the words are no longer merely letters which carry a meaning; they are your heart, they are you. Thank you for sharing yourself with me. JD

When I read this, and other poems of yours, I'm reading poetry that is already written on my heart. Your poetry always strikes me as simple, honest and real...simply stating the truth of the universe. Like stating the basic laws of physics, or basic math. I feel so connected to the world you paint with your words, that your poetry doesn't surprise me

or even strike me as particularly deep (this is not a bad thing)..It strikes me as the plain and simple truth (which is perhaps the deepest it can get....so in that sense, your poetry is very "deep" indeed). Your words wrap me up and hold me close EP

I have read all the poems several times. Different ones mean something special on different days, or as I notice something in it that I did not notice before. Thank you so much for publishing your work. The photos and the words, the feelings and growth through life stages are timeless. You have a very special gift of touching people's minds, but more, importantly our hearts. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet you. MB

Amazingly, these [Journey] are even more beautiful than the first ones [Paradox]. I guess the maturity, pain, and joy of growing older adds to the poignancy and beauty of your work. Your words touch my heart and my soul. Knowing you has been such a gift. You'll never know. JP

I wanted you to know how much I have enjoyed your book. I have several favorites, but 'Tao One' is my # 1 favorite. There have been some days that I come home, and I just need to read it. I have found a great deal of comfort in it...and a time or two I have had to rely on its truth. Thank you for that. LH

This is poetry that connects with my heart and soul. Chris puts into words those feelings that so many of us struggle with, but also struggle to put into words ourselves. This is a wonderful book of poems. I recommend it to anyone searching for a place in this world. It is poetry for all of us who feel we have lost our sense of home, and are wandering, searching for answers to the aches in our hearts. CW re: Paradox

The poetry in this book is down-to-earth, honest, and open. Chris chronicles the questions, pain, doubt, joy and longing in his life with beauty and simplicity. I enjoy going back and re-reading many of the poems again and again, as he is able to connect with deep emotions that we all feel. He is able to put into words what many of us know to be true, but are unable to articulate. The book also contains lovely color photographs taken by Chris, which are yet another window into his soul and his world. Lovely and a pleasure. CW re: Journey.

...you understand the connection and love that one can feel with an author (or composer or artist) from the past. Those creators seem to speak in a language that is so absent in the everyday activities of most people's lives in this time (and probably in their time as well...). It is through poetry that you are able to speak that same language (of longing and love and searching and painful solitude), that is otherwise unavailable within the interactions we typically have with those around us. And you will have connections with strangers who have not yet entered this world. You will continue to touch lives and they will understand you in ways that those of us around you do not.....EP

I gave a copy of "Paradox" to a dear friend who has been committed twice in the last month for attempting suicide. She read the poems and wept freely for the first time in ages. Thank you again, dear one, for such beautiful and aching words. We are none of us alone in this life. JD.