

## **Foreword Review**

## **Children of Grass: A Portrait of American Poetry**

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Eighty poets under the influence of Walt share a poem and a comical pose in this winning collection of portraiture and poetry. That the two complement each other so well in coffee-table format is the unexpected delight.

On the Rocks

I love my son so much I no longer call him my daughter. He presses his bound breasts to me when I hug him hello and goodbye. He wants them gone. I want him safe. I show him how to draw back the testosterone in the syringe. Years as a diabetic make me an expert. I never wanted a son and now I want him more than ever. Water and ice are the same thing, right? It's just that one is harder than the other.

—Leslie Anne McIlroy

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