

V.I. Callaloo: Poems from the Caribbean



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A book of contrasting poetical styles and flavors.

For the uninitiated, Callaloo is a Caribbean dish similar to gumbo. The tradition behind Callaloo is that a bunch of people bring together whatever they have, they chop it up together, combine it, and simmer it for a long time. What results is an amazing dish which contains many unique flavors melding together.

V.I. Callaloo is a perfect title for this book of Caribbean poetry. Short poems, long poems, sad poems, and joyful poems are all represented within the pages of *V.I. Callaloo*. Traditional classical poems and even hip hop lyrical spots sit side by side offering the reader variety, thought, and enjoyment. The work of 18 poets is contained within the 96 pages of *V.I. Callaloo*. The central unifying factors of the group of 18 are their love of poetry and their connection to the British Virgin Islands. Although some of the poets may have moved away from the Caribbean, their connection to the region remains strong.

Some especially distinguished poems in *V.I. Callaloo* are; “Story of a Rape”, “Warfare”, “A Call to Youth”, and “Arrest”. *V.I. Callaloo* is an excellent choice for those fans of poetry yearning for something different. *V.I. Callaloo* does truly provide an appetizing experience for all those who are lucky enough to feast their way through its pages.