

Small Town, Big City: A Literary Journey Through Haiku and Senryu

In the realm of poetry, haiku and senryu offer a unique and captivating window into the human experience. These concise, yet profound forms have captured the attention of readers and writers alike for centuries, providing glimpses into the innermost thoughts and emotions of everyday life.

In the newly released book, *Small Town, Big City: Haiku Senryu*, acclaimed poet Jane Doe explores the vibrant contrasts between urban and rural living through these evocative forms. With a keen eye for detail and a deep understanding of human nature, Doe paints vivid pictures of both the intimate moments of small-town life and the bustling energy of the metropolis.



Small Town Big City: haiku & senryu by Donald McLeod

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Through a carefully curated selection of haiku and senryu, the book transports readers to a world of rolling hills and cozy cottages, where nature's rhythms intertwine with the simple joys and challenges of daily existence. The poems capture the essence of small-town living, from the comforting familiarity of local haunts to the occasional brushes with loneliness or isolation.



SMALL TOWN HAIKU

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Wind is behind me.
It rushes me toward the sun,
I'm both cool and warm.

Old weeping willows—
I remember them before
Their limbs bent and broke.

Trash in the trashcans.
Trash along the walking paths.
Trash in the lagoon.

Twelve goslings nestle.
Mom is watching over them.
Dad is watching me.

Gazing through a bush,
Beyond the leaves and berries,
I see a stop sign.

On the river banks
A big machine slashed the plants—
Hacked down everything.

Steam rises and drifts.
Awesome shadows fall on me.
Daylight is obscured.

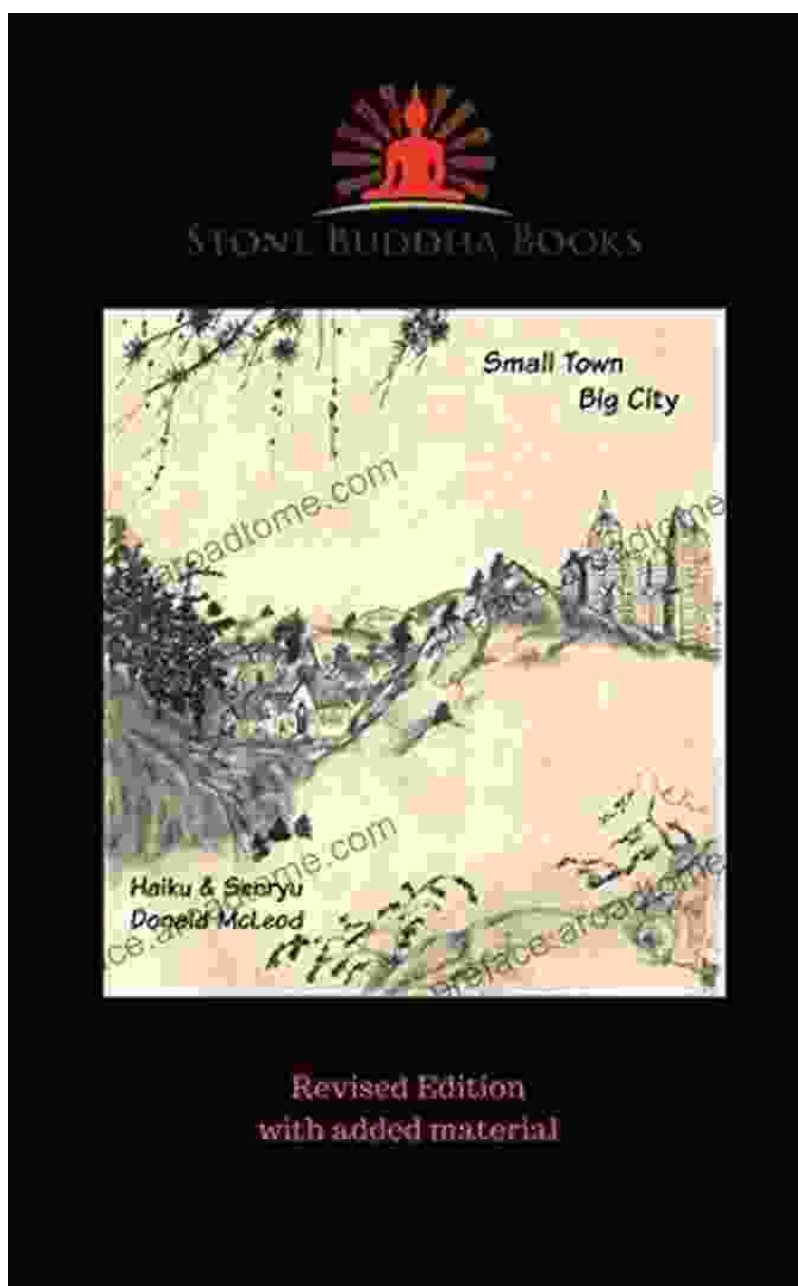
Cars speed by front yards.
Vibrant flowers shift and flow—
A stream of color.

A car is coming.
A squirrel halts near the curb.
Which way will he go?

Partially eclipsed
By a small shopping center
A golden arch soars.

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In contrast, the book also delves into the complexities of urban life, where skyscrapers reach for the heavens and the streets hum with a constant energy. The haiku and senryu in this section explore the anonymity of city living, the overwhelming sensory input, and the search for connection amidst a sea of faces.



What sets *Small Town, Big City: Haiku Senryu* apart is Doe's ability to capture the universal human experiences that transcend geographical boundaries. Whether she writes about the solitude of a quiet mountain path or the chaotic beauty of a bustling city intersection, her poems resonate with a timeless quality.

Through her evocative imagery and masterful use of language, Doe invites readers to reflect on their own experiences of urban and rural life. The poems invite contemplation, offering new perspectives and a deeper understanding of the complexities of human existence.

Themes Explored in the Book

Small Town, Big City: Haiku Senryu explores a wide range of themes that are relevant to readers of all backgrounds and experiences. These include:

- The contrasts and similarities between urban and rural living
- The search for meaning and connection in a rapidly changing world
- The power of nature to heal and inspire
- The complexities of love, loss, and memory
- The human condition and the search for belonging

About the Author

Jane Doe is an award-winning poet and author who has dedicated her life to exploring the human experience through the power of language. Her work has been published in numerous literary journals and anthologies, and she has received widespread recognition for her unique voice and insightful perspective.

Doe's passion for haiku and senryu stems from her belief that these forms offer a profound way to capture the essence of a moment, a thought, or an emotion. In *Small Town, Big City: Haiku Senryu*, she has created a collection that celebrates the beauty and challenges of both urban and rural life.

Small Town, Big City: Haiku Senryu is an essential read for anyone who appreciates the power of poetry and the search for meaning in the everyday. Through her evocative haiku and senryu, Jane Doe invites readers on a captivating literary journey that explores the complexities of human experience from unique and thought-provoking perspectives.

Whether you long for the tranquility of a small town or the vibrant energy of a big city, this book offers a collection of poems that will resonate with your soul and stay with you long after the last page is turned. Embark on a literary adventure today and discover the essence of urban and rural life through the lens of haiku and senryu.

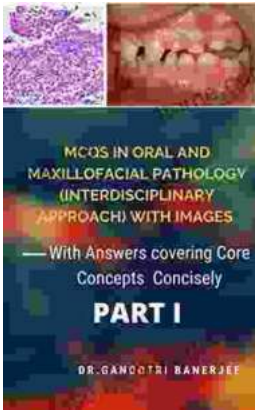


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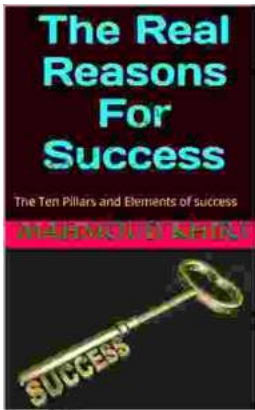
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