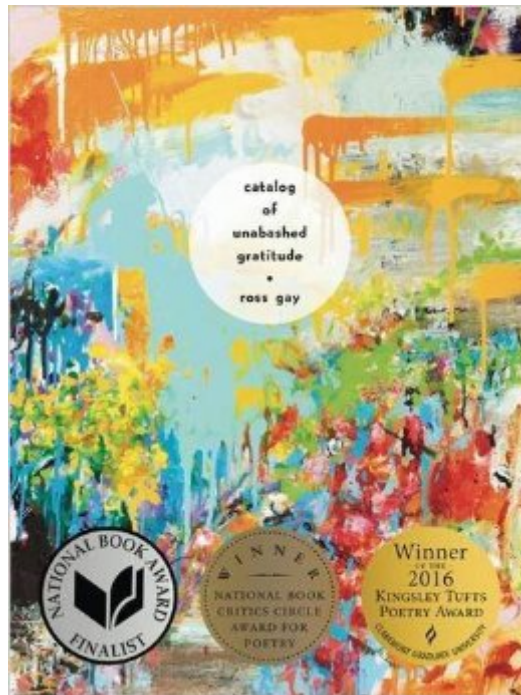


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# Catalog Of Unabashed Gratitude (Pitt Poetry Series)



## Synopsis

Winner, 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award, poetry category Winner, 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Prize Finalist, 2015 National Book Award, poetry category Finalist, 2015 NAACP Image Awards, poetry category Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude is a sustained meditation on that which goes awayâloved ones, the seasons, the earth as we know itâthat tries to find solace in the processes of the garden and the orchard. That is, this is a book that studies the wisdom of the garden and orchard, those places where allâdeath, sorrow, lossâis converted into what might, with patience, nourish us.

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While tons of other poets are slaving away in their Towers of I-Don't-Care and Despair-Is-All-There-Is, kissing ass like crazy, Ross Gay is outside getting his hands dirty with plants and words and listening to the birds and the sky. These poems have life, and thus the reader feels more alive after having read them. He sings songs of love and healing while staying true to the tough parts of life. Definitely worth the hype, and he's giving me hope for poetry.

Wonderful collection. Gay's joyous attention to the loveliness and sadness of life is a balm in a time of otherwise horrid rhetoric. I read it all in one sitting first and then came back to it -- again and again -- for furthering savoring of his languid delivery and tender observations of the world.

This talented young man again produces a collection of thought-provoking and inspiring poetry that needs to be read once for enjoyment then once again to let yourself go deeper into the poet's words. It seems each time some of these poems are read they elicit a new emotion.

Gorgeous poetry of abundant living joy. Such a pleasure--read aloud from it at Thanksgiving dinner! read it every time I need to remember to be present for joy and daily wonder. This volume is a gift.

Devoured this delicious book of poetry during breaks at Soulfire Farm's Black and Latino Farmer Immersion. I loved listening to, meeting and communing with permaculture poet Ross Gay. There is no substitute for the animated way he reads his work. Definitely go see him reading live if you have the opportunity. A must-savor collection for anyone who digs nature, gardening, farming, orchards, the outdoors and vibrant imagery. The way Ross sees the world, his divine diction and rhythm, playfully (and sometimes painfully) etched with tiny heart-opening moments of the abundance of the simple life is a gift to us all. Thank you!

Generous and moving. Exuberant and humane. Tonic of for the poet's soul. I read these poems during a writing residency this spring and this allowed for an uninterrupted experience of their particular joy, their current, their rare beauty. They made me want to write. They made me want to write long poems. They are not cynical, or overly stylized, and these poems are not preoccupied with being cool or fashionable. They don't put on airs. Instead they are some of the best work I read in 2015. Real, honest, vulnerable, searing, true, and gorgeous. Read them to restore your humanity.

Gay's story poems are full of incredible detail and realness. I don't get all of it but I want to go back to it. A intriguingly astute and expressive voice.

Ross Gay is persuasive and he writes with incredible urgency that we should all be aware to that which is constantly going on around us. From the first to the last poem and all that was in between were all equally as magnificent proving that the poem is the human in all of us.

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