



The Virtues of Poetry

James Longenbach

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

The Virtues of Poetry

James Longenbach

The Virtues of Poetry James Longenbach

An illuminating look at the many forms of poetry's essential excellence by James Longenbach, a writer with "an ear as subtle and assured as any American poet now writing" (John Koethe)

"This book proposes some of the virtues to which the next poem might aspire: boldness, change, compression, dilation, doubt, excess, inevitability, intimacy, otherness, particularity, restraint, shyness, surprise, and worldliness. The word 'virtue' came to English from Latin, via Old French, and while it has acquired a moral valence, the word in its earliest uses gestured toward a magical or transcendental power, a power that might be embodied by any particular substance or act. With vices I am not concerned. Unlike the short-term history of taste, which is fueled by reprimand or correction, the history of art moves from achievement to achievement. Contemporary embodiments of poetry's virtues abound, and only our devotion to a long history of excellence allows us to recognize them." –from James Longenbach's preface

The Virtues of Poetry is a resplendent and ultimately moving work of twelve interconnected essays, each of which describes the way in which a particular excellence is enacted in poetry. Longenbach closely reads poems by Shakespeare, Donne, Blake, Keats, Dickinson, Yeats, Pound, Bishop, and Ashbery (among others), sometimes exploring the ways in which these writers transmuted the material of their lives into art, and always emphasizing that the notions of excellence we derive from art are fluid, never fixed. Provocative, funny, and astute, *The Virtues of Poetry* is indispensable for readers, teachers, and writers. Longenbach reminds us that poetry delivers meaning in exacting ways, and that it is through its precision that we experience this art's lasting virtues.

 [Download The Virtues of Poetry ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Virtues of Poetry ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online The Virtues of Poetry James Longenbach

From reader reviews:

Frank Craver:

What do you concerning book? It is not important to you? Or just adding material when you want something to explain what you problem? How about your extra time? Or are you busy particular person? If you don't have spare time to accomplish others business, it is make one feel bored faster. And you have extra time? What did you do? All people has many questions above. They should answer that question because just their can do which. It said that about reserve. Book is familiar on every person. Yes, it is appropriate. Because start from on pre-school until university need this kind of The Virtues of Poetry to read.

Gina Dana:

In this 21st one hundred year, people become competitive in each and every way. By being competitive today, people have do something to make them survives, being in the middle of the crowded place and notice by surrounding. One thing that occasionally many people have underestimated it for a while is reading. Yep, by reading a reserve your ability to survive increase then having chance to stand up than other is high. For you who want to start reading a book, we give you this kind of The Virtues of Poetry book as basic and daily reading guide. Why, because this book is greater than just a book.

Dale Moore:

As people who live in the actual modest era should be change about what going on or facts even knowledge to make them keep up with the era which can be always change and progress. Some of you maybe can update themselves by examining books. It is a good choice for yourself but the problems coming to anyone is you don't know which one you should start with. This The Virtues of Poetry is our recommendation to make you keep up with the world. Why, because this book serves what you want and wish in this era.

Willis Harrington:

Why? Because this The Virtues of Poetry is an unordinary book that the inside of the guide waiting for you to snap the idea but latter it will surprise you with the secret that inside. Reading this book alongside it was fantastic author who all write the book in such amazing way makes the content inside easier to understand, entertaining means but still convey the meaning fully. So , it is good for you for not hesitating having this any longer or you going to regret it. This phenomenal book will give you a lot of benefits than the other book get such as help improving your ability and your critical thinking method. So , still want to postpone having that book? If I were being you I will go to the e-book store hurriedly.

**Download and Read Online The Virtues of Poetry James
Longenbach #8ICP3G0XDVN**

Read The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach for online ebook

The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach books to read online.

Online The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach ebook PDF download

The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach Doc

The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach Mobipocket

The Virtues of Poetry by James Longenbach EPub