

# Allen Curnow Collected Poems by Gretchen Bernabei: A Review

Allen Curnow Collected Poems, edited by Gretchen Bernabei, is a comprehensive and insightful look at the work of one of New Zealand's most celebrated poets. The collection includes all of Curnow's published poems, from his early modernist works to his later postmodernist experiments. Bernabei's provides a valuable overview of Curnow's life and work, and her annotations throughout the collection help to illuminate the poet's complex and often challenging verse.

Curnow was born in Timaru, New Zealand, in 1911. He began writing poetry as a young man, and his early work was influenced by the modernist poets of the time, such as T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound. In the 1940s, Curnow helped to found the New Zealand literary magazine *Landfall*, which played a major role in the development of New Zealand literature. Curnow's own poetry began to take on a more distinctly New Zealand flavor during this period, and he became known for his poems about the country's landscape and history.



## Allen Curnow: Collected Poems by Gretchen S. Bernabei

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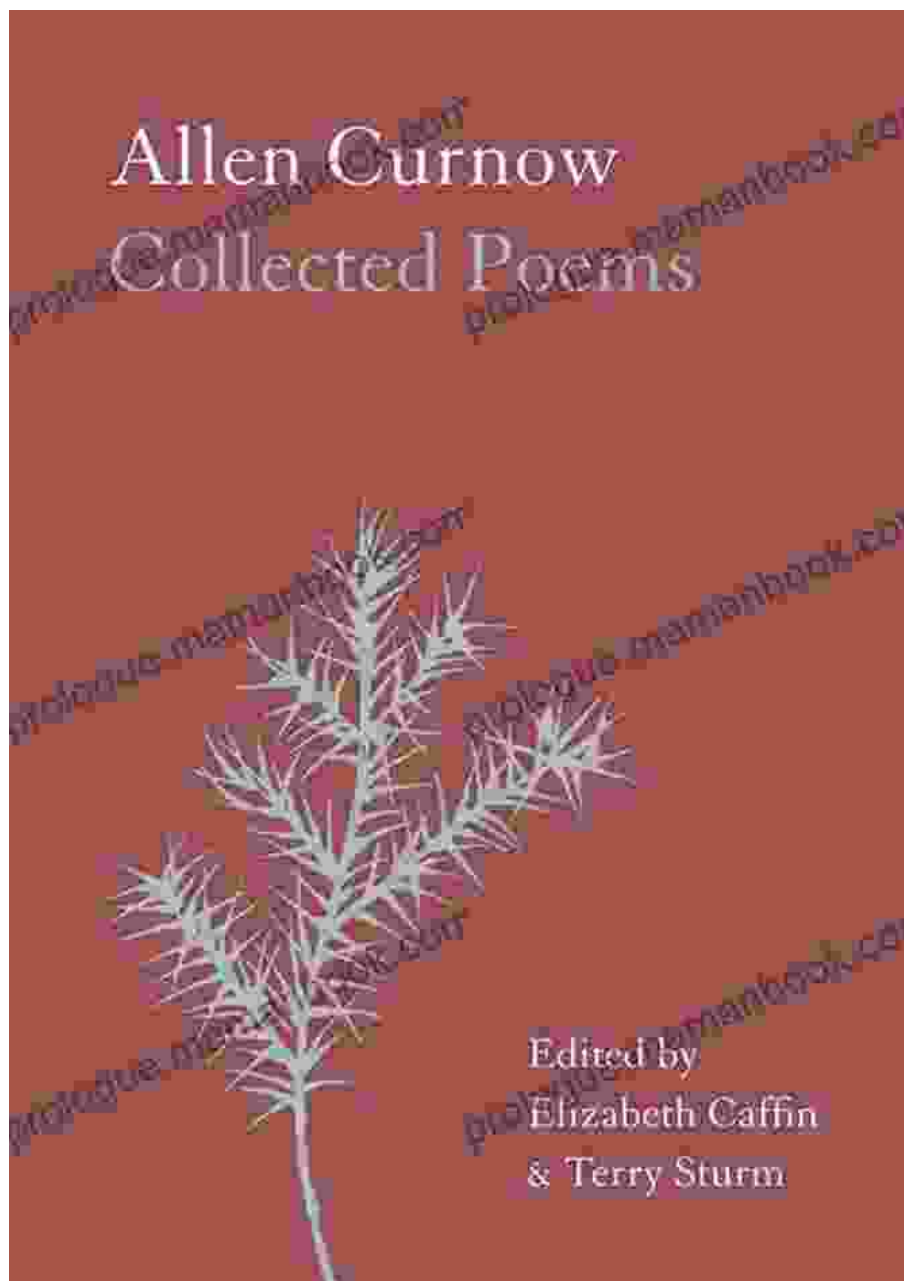
In the 1950s and 1960s, Curnow's poetry became more experimental, and he began to explore postmodernist techniques such as collage and fragmentation. He also became increasingly interested in the relationship between poetry and politics, and his work often addressed social and environmental issues. Curnow continued to write poetry until his death in 2001, and he is considered one of the most important and influential poets in New Zealand history.

Bernabei's collection of Curnow's poems is a valuable resource for scholars and fans of the poet alike. The collection includes a comprehensive bibliography of Curnow's work, as well as a detailed index. Bernabei's annotations are insightful and helpful, and they provide a valuable guide to Curnow's complex and often challenging verse. *Allen Curnow Collected Poems* is a must-have for anyone interested in New Zealand literature or modern and postmodern poetry.

### **Highlights of the Collection**

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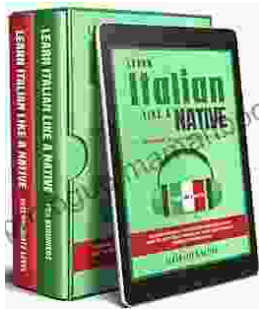
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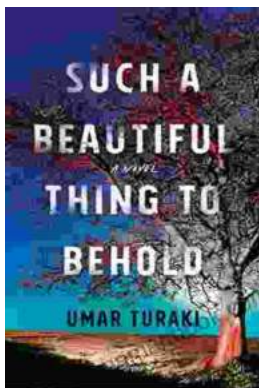


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