

Moonbook and Sunbook

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Yes, poetry delights, yes, poetry disturbs, but at best, poetry brings clarity to the half truths and enduring myths of the human race. By that measure, *Stonehenge* is a majestic poem created by long-ago masons to better help them understand and admire the moon and sun. The same with *Macchu Picchu*.

With *Moonbook and Sunbook*, four-time Pulitzer-nominated poet Willis Barnstone takes his shot at the discipline, albeit his lunar and solar obsession is expressed in paired, multiplying sonnets. A Guggenheim fellow and author of seventy books, Barnstone's prose is comfortable, nearly casual, yet mortared with symbolism and worldly knowledge.

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