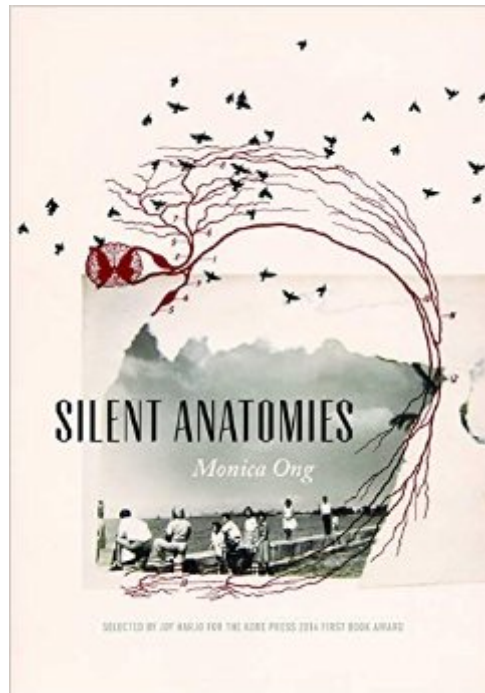


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# Silent Anatomies (Kore Press First Book Award For Poetry)



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Using satirical and personal images, Monica Ong touches on issues of immigration, gender and racism. She brings to life what it is like to be a girl in a society where men are ranked higher in social class. Using elegant poetry she explains how her mother was made to dress like a boy and the methods pregnant women would go through to try and conceive a baby boy. This book brings to life controversial issues in a way that keeps the reader wanting more.

This is an amazing book of poetry that connects culture, race and medicine in the context of public health. Each work of art is fascinating, particularly to those who have experienced the silences creatively articulated in pieces like Glass Laynx and Silent Treatment. Even better if you can catch Monica doing a live poetry reading. Highly recommend!

Monica Ongâ™s Silent Anatomies is a strong showing of her familyâ™s immigration, multicultural heritage, and its imprint on her familyâ™s gender beliefs in an artful way. A lot is learned through her linking of poetry and images that makes for an interesting read. Her speech on gender through poems in the book bring issues of cultural thoughts on women and how it can be detrimental. Her poems also bring to light keeping cultures alive and after immigrating to a new place. Her poems are well crafted and elegant while speaking to issues that are important.

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