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Free book of 38 poems about people wandering the world, searching for something new, with their suitcase of dreams.

## Travelling light Details

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## Adrienne Thompson says

I thoroughly enjoyed this lovely collection of poetry composed with light, darkness, and hints of magic. Nice collection.

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## KayCee K says

Travelling Light by Vickie Johnstone is one of my favorite poetry books I've read this year. The poem 'Dreamers' has the opening line "She lives among the dragons, stars and unicorns The fairytale world born in her wildest dreams." Could be my favorite line in this whole book. Vickie Johnstone knows how to play with words and brings joy to poetry. If you don't read much poetry, this book is a great place for you to start because of poems like Moon over Sand, Hope, Little boy leaps & so much more!

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## Brenda Perlin says

I enjoyed Miss Johnstone's book of poetry. What a beautiful collection. The poems are sweet and alluring. Each piece provokes different emotions. When poetry is good it kind of talks to you and that is what I loved about this book. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys good poetry.

Even though the title is "Traveling Light" some of the work is not so light, which I really appreciated. There were so many different little gems to chose from and all had a special spark.

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In love with the beloved  
Love will know no end

There is no end to love  
If the beloved is the one

In love is the beloved  
She is loved as he is loved

One to be forever more  
Two in love entwined

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## Ingrid M. S. says

I really like poetry.

I mean, I write them myself and there was a lot of beautiful poems, so yes, it was worth my time.

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### **Breslin White says**

This is a difficult book to review because of its originality.

Perhaps, from the title of the book, it's best to point out that the author is clever. Travelling Light can be read one of two ways: either packing a little, or the light of the day that recedes. This is in fact referred to inside the book where the author is carrying two suitcases, and where day is said to be eaten by night.

The sound of the words used seems to be staccato.

While not the greatest poetry I've ever read in my life, it puts up a fight and gets the five stars.

### **The smell of sour**

*This stench lifted*

...

*This reminder of old*

*When it sounded*

*This ancient bell*

*The heady mariner*

*Came carrying his shroud*

*Bereft of any knowledge*

*Of its meaning*

*In silence he drifted*

*Into the outer realms*

*Where the dead pound*

*Ageless and unborn*

*Their endless ache ...*

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### **Jenny Housley says**

A nice slim collections of poems. Beautiful, lonely, a pleasure to read

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### **Ashley (pagesofhorror) says**

Really not a fan of this poetry book. Only a couple of the poems stood out, the rest were very uninspiring and fell flat for me. A lot of the poems seemed very lifeless and spiritless.

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## Uvi Poznansky says

Vickie Johnstone writes sensual, beautiful images, and this short collection includes many of her free-flowing explorations. “They are not about me, but filled with imaginary characters and places,” she says. I appreciate the humble voice of the author, reflecting upon her work in her introductory note, “It isn’t great poetry, but I try!” Clearly, her talent shows in every piece. When she dares reveal more of herself in her writing, her artistry will reach a peak.

Here are a few glimpses of her work. From the poem, *We live in the echoes*:

Where the Fool laughs his last  
Is a time we’ll never see  
For he plays so beautifully  
Daring to step beyond himself  
Embracing all there is to see  
With such wide open arms

Vickie Johnstone writes many of these poems in the third person narrative, expressed in the midst of a magical, fairytale world. Here is an excerpt from *Dreamers*:

She dreams the dreams she yearns to live  
Ascending the high, jagged mountain reaches  
Descending the bleakest, deepest chasms  
She rides the unicorn, outpacing green forests

Even when she writes in a first person narrative, she remains the observer of her world, a visitor somewhat removed from events, contemplating upon what she sees:

Painted canvases I visit  
Now I’m not chained  
To any one place  
Travelling free as a bird  
I measure my life in two suitcases

And here is an excerpt from a great poem, *Lost and found*:

Give me back the thing you stole  
Don’t pretend that you’ve forgotten  
When this was once the key to all  
Nothing fades like trust broken

This is a fine collection by a promising young poetess, and I am looking forward to read more of her work.

Four stars.

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## **Sue Pilski says**

### **Heartfelt and Beautiful**

HOPE is my favorite. Thank you, Vickie Johnstone, for writing a short, yet meaningful book of beautiful poetry! Highly recommend this for anyone who appreciates passion put to paper.

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## **Vinay Leo R. says**

To me, this collection was exactly what it said it was: a search for something new yet familiar in life's journey. The poems inspire other poets and I enjoyed reading it.

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## **Kelli Santistevan says**

I liked this collection of poems.

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## **Jillian says**

I read this collection of poems and was drawn to her words. I loved the beautiful flowing words and the relaxing vibes I got from reading it. It's a decent read.

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## **Jess says**

Usually I'm a huge fan of poetry, but this really didn't click for me. The imagery was somewhat present, but the writing just seemed very juvenile and the word choice was very bland. I was hoping to enjoy this, but I was sadly mistaken.

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## **Darlene says**

It's April and that means it's National Poetry Month. Despite the fact that I don't read a lot of poetry nor can I usually decipher the meaning behind most of it I do know what I like when I read it. If it makes me smile, cry, or just strikes a chord somewhere within me I know I've read a piece of poetry that means something to me and ultimately I think that's what makes poetry enjoyable for anyone. Travelling Light by Vickie Johnstone is just such a book of poetry for me.

Originally I had chosen a different collection to highlight but then I ran across Travelling Light by Vickie Johnstone and downloaded it to my Kindle. From the very first piece I was captivated by the beauty of Vickie's words and I read this collection not once, but twice! What I like best about this author's work is that it is very straight forward. I didn't have to search for a hidden meaning because I knew what she was trying to say and I really appreciated that as a novice poetry reader. Some of these poems are on the light side and some much darker – some I really liked and others were just ok but again that reflects back on how a piece reacts with the emotions of the reader. I found it to be a very enjoyable collection and intend to read more of Vickie's work.

Finally, I thought I'd share one of the pieces that I enjoyed. I chose the poem November simply because it resonated with me. We've had such a bad winter this year and it's still not over and I long for spring and this poem perfectly captured that.

### November

November chills me with its breath  
It shocks me out of this limbo  
With its icy fingers and numb breaks  
Darkness comes creeping in earlier

Crisp steps it makes across the land  
As the sky sinks down ever nearer  
Trees reach skyward for past blossoms  
Carried away on the back of the wind

I yearn to bury myself away in warmth  
To hibernate like a sleeping hedgehog  
In a small box of paper, hidden away  
Nestled alone with my memories

Wake me in the warm glow of spring  
As I'm sure I will not miss a thing  
This slow slide into winter unnerves me  
Season of change, death and seclusion

Bring me sunshine on a silver platter  
With roses tinted pink in summer scent  
The smell of green brought by the rain  
Smile away the despair of the darkest day

(Taken from the ebook version of Travelling Light)

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## **Greta Burroughs says**

I enjoy reading poetry that makes me think, and I like the way Vickie Johnstone captures thoughts, feelings and emotions in her work. Her poems are not ones the reader can just breeze through but you need to reread each one to grasp the true meaning hidden within the words. Try it, I think you'll like it.

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