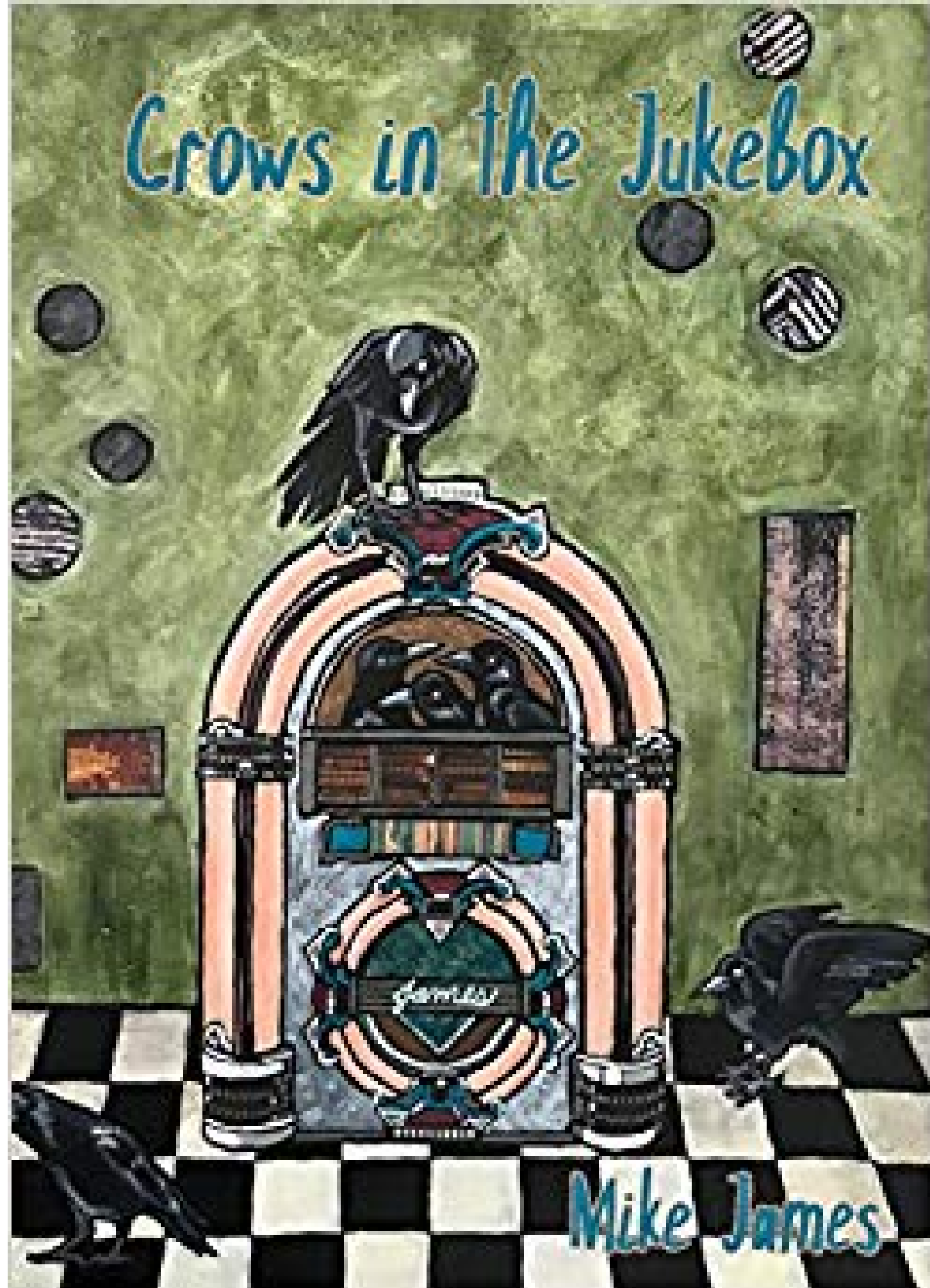


Crows in the Jukebox



Mike James

Crows in the Jukebox: Poems (Harmony Series)



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As in his additional work, he frequently surprises the reader with jarring quips and closures as in "Speaking with Allen Ginsberg, in a Dream:" "I could suit you in my shirt pocket," or the extraordinary metaphor for the creative creative procedure, "Swimming in the torrential rain:" "when she swims she's always only/no one who watches has been her.In his amazing new collection, Crows in the Jukebox, Mike James explores among many topics, his hardscrabble patriarchy, relationship and family relationships, and the clarity and persistence of nature." This quantity establishes James as a poet of the first rank, person who swims only. ~Tim Peeler, author of L2: A Poetry Novel



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I really like them. Crows as “a torn black blanket across the sky. In those days...we never considered being lost.. Mike James’s poems are open up and accessible, but also deep. I really like them. I’ve got little Post-it notes sticking out all over the place. A wonderful addition to any poetry library I have always been a enthusiast of Mike James’ poetry, therefore i look forward with anticipation to his new work.He writes clearly and of family, love and sorrow, and our “alphabet of wants.” Helpful information to living Hard-hitting poems that imprint unforgettable pictures.”He remembers childhood, when the stars...”were our compasses..” Entertaining and Artful Crows in the Jukebox is an entertaining and artful assortment of poems written in Mike James’ lean, accessible, crust-breaking style.”Just when we settle in to the comfortable storyteller, he swoops directly into surprise us with an inspired metaphor. I’ve got small Post-it notes sticking out .” He’s a “skater who endlessly loops/through two mirrored circles/one called infinity/I called again.” However he also reminds us “each mistake’s a blessing to go the other way. Subject material ranges over boyhood remembrances, grief, loss, family associations, tributes to dead close friends and authors, and more. James includes a knack of turning common life events into occasions of remarkable insight and in making his experience seem like our encounter. In two of the best poems in this collection, James writes, “[America] lately, you seem smaller / no more with a capital letter in your name.” In another, he writes that he “likes surprises. Poems that indicate a method to live and what you will face. !” He remarks how “middle age and old age, both surprise us... suddenly a massive rock pile of years. . An excellent addition to any poetry library. I actually happily sit in the cabboose Mike James transports the reader to areas and situations with a deft turn of phrase that holds magic. His mastery of metaphor brings signifying to the mundane and exposes the subtext globe hidden in everyday activity. James proceeds building on the chain of publications he provides forged, taking us on a train journey seeking truth. Five Stars Wonderful! Another exceptional collection by Mike James Mike James continues with another stellar collection. In this collection, with his keen observation, economic use of language and vivid imagery, he allures the reader and makes you wanting more. My favorite of his recent books, Crows in the Jukebox continues the outstanding publications made by Bottom Dog. Superb book by both poet and publisher. I happily sit down in the cabboose, awaiting his next station!!!!!!like the time / you walked down the measures / wearing only / flip-flops / and a tuba. I want to share a number of them with you. He hardly ever disappoints. Writing of every day life, loves, issues, and queries, he writes with both humor and insight. I highly recommend it. which is high praise for a fantastic book of poetry I was lucky enough to access blurb this book and browse it early. I cannot wait to learn it again, that is high compliment for an excellent book of poetry.



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