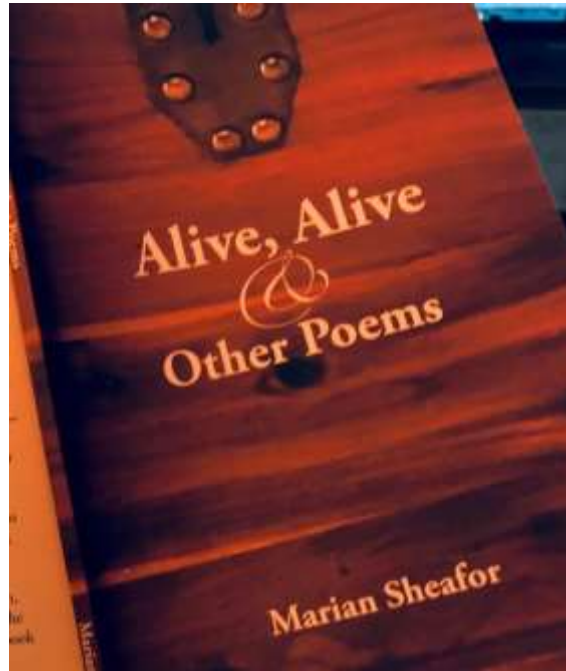


Alive, Alive & Other Poems



By Marian Sheafor

Reviewed by Esther J. Hildahl

Marian Sheafor is a very talented poet. Her book *Alive, Alive & Other Poems* is a collection of poems divided into four parts. Some of these poems tell of love and the difficulty of letting go. Others show the deep thinking of the poet as she writes about war and prejudices and aging and the history of the Oregon Trail and beyond.

However, my favorite part was the third part of the book, which tells the stories of the people in a small graveyard and how they died. These stories are told in their own words when they discover they can wake up and share their stories with others buried there.

I loved this book. It's a keeper. It's well-written, a page turner, and I recommend it to all.

Reviewed by Robert Hildahl

Generally, I don't care for poetry books. Mostly they put me to sleep. However, my wife loves poetry and is always telling me how much she enjoys reading it, and she says that you can tell what people are like by their poetry because they usually speak from their hearts. So recently, I decided to try reading one of her poetry

books. The first four, I didn't care for, but then she handed me *Alive, Alive & Other Poems*. I opened the book to the first poem and read and then I read the second one and then I discovered that I really liked this poet's poems and I read them all in one sitting. So, I guess, I really do like poetry, especially, Marian Sheafor's poetry. If she writes another book of poetry, I will gladly read it



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