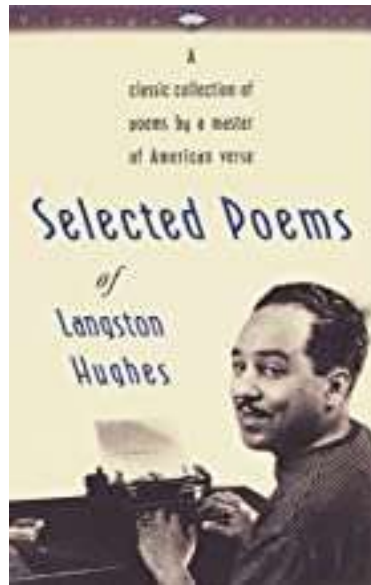


# Selected Poems of Langston Hughes



By Langston Hughes

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When I was in college many, many years ago, I took a Black History class and was introduced to various Black writers. One of my favorites was Langston Hughes. I loved his poetry and short stories. He wrote over thirty books during his lifetime. First published in 1926, he died in 1967. Recently, I was in Barnes and Noble and purchased two of his books. This particular book, *Selected Poems of Langston Hughes* tells of the experiences of Black men and women in America. He expresses through his poetry the soul of slaves, of musicians, of the poor. He writes about religion, humor, love, hopelessness, despair, dreams, freedom, and much more. It's a wonderful collection of poems written by a very talented poet. Although depressing at times, I enjoyed reading it and highly recommend it.



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