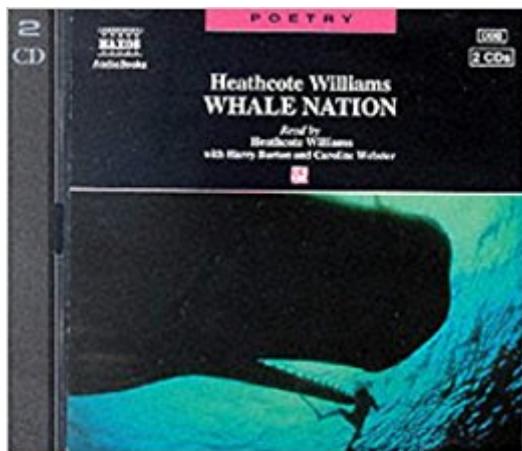


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Synopsis

This hymn to the beauty, intelligence and majesty of the largest mammal on earth, rarely fails to strike a chord in the hearts of those concerned with the abuse of our planet. Includes a fascinating account of whale history.

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Part natural history, poetry and ecologic statement, Heathcote Williams's presentation is a moving audio. Listeners will learn and think about whales as never before. In addition, this is a breakthrough in format for audio programs. The presentation combines commentary and prose with historical reference and facts. Williams departs from current forms of spoken audio, such as recorded books, adaptations or radio drama and opens a realm of possibilities. Listeners will be fascinated by the stunning program, and producers should take note of the possibilities showcased in the format.

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A beautiful book, with amazing pictures, it tells the story of whales - not the science but the magic, the poetry, the history - in words and pictures. Sadly out of print now, it can still be found on used book sites. If you've ever had that breath-stopping experience of seeing your first humpback whale breaching, you'll appreciate this book.

Thank You!!

Insight into the fantastic lives of whales. A mixture of science and poetry, There are many sad parts of human thoughtlessness. Saving whales should be a priority for all nations.

Older book but fine.

This is a big, beautiful, lavishly illustrated love tribute to the whale species. About half the pages are for Williams' grand, celebratory poem--a poem of beauty and stark fact-- about whales, that includes history, biology, all the ways whales have enriched our society, both living and as a product, the tragic aspects regarding the thoughtless, non-sacred killing of the great beasts and details of hunting and processing, etc. Indeed, Williams' epic seems to include all aspects of the culture of the whale. The second half of the book contains hundreds of fascinating quotes about whales, culled from nearly every epoch of written human history, and serves the reader as a virtual encyclopedia about whales. The book is illustrated throughout with fine photographs, including beautiful full color photos of whales alive and well in their natural habitat, to photos depicting the myriad ways humans have exploited and profited from the whale. This is a good book, a song celebrating the sacredness of whales and lamenting our human society that has for the most part taken them for granted. This book is both a prayer and a textbook, celebrating whales with compassion and passion, and educating about whales with fascinating facts, history and photos. It is a work of art, both simple and grand.

Whether influenced by the birth of a child, the death of a loved one or even a nature programme, all of us at some stage contemplates the miracle of life. We each have our perspective on the who, the what and the why of it all. But I'll bet that nothing has prepared you for the revelation of the grandeur of the largest creature that has ever lived. Heathcote Williams epic poem graphically describes, in everyday terms, the living colossus that is the whale. As you ponder that incredible, intelligent, sentient, hulk and marvel at the amazing statistics Heathcote introduces the barbaric cruelty and slaughter humankind imposes upon it - and you wonder why. Listen to this and you will understand why people venture in front of the harpooners. Listen to this and be a changed person.

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