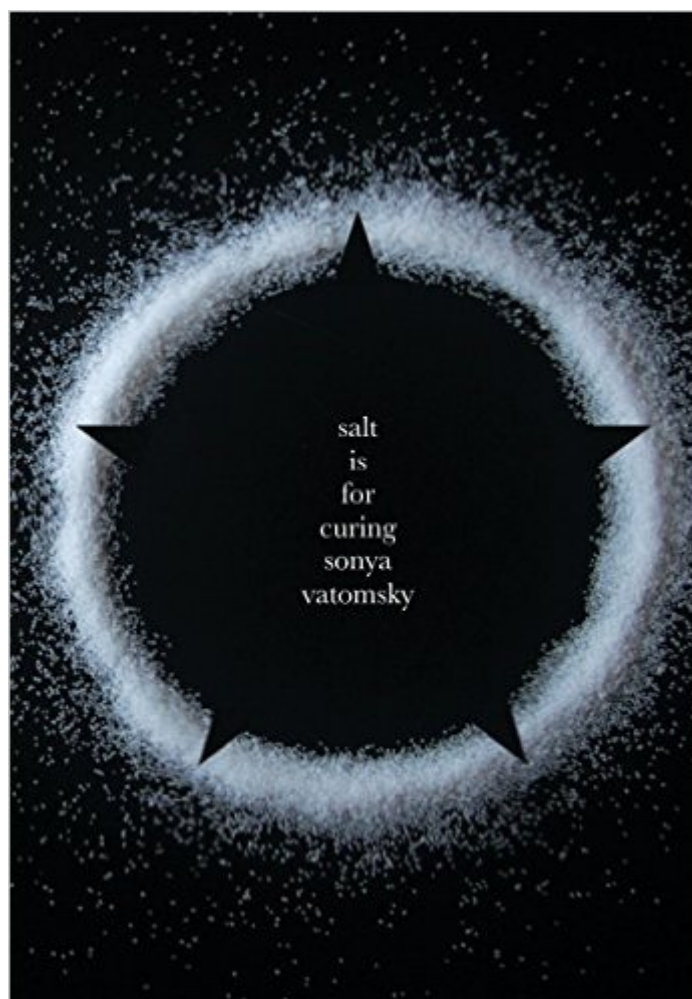


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# Salt Is For Curing



## Synopsis

Ariana Reines, author of *Mercury*, says: "Sonya Vatomsky's *Salt Is For Curing* is many things: a feast, a grimoire, a fairy tale world, the real world. It's also too smart for bullsh\*t and too graceful to be mean about the bullsh\*t: a marvelous debut. I love it." Roxane Gay, author of *Bad Feminist*, says: "Curious, intricate poems." *Salt Is For Curing* is the lush and haunting full-length debut by Sonya Vatomsky. These poems, structured as an elaborate meal, conjure up a vapor of earthly pains and magical desires; like the most enduring rituals, Vatomsky's poems both intoxicate and ward. A new blood moon in American poetry, *Salt Is For Curing* is surprising, disturbing, and spookily illuminating. *Salt Is For Curing* also praised by art/culture/occult site *Luna Luna Magazine*, author Dennis Cooper, goth lifestyle site *The Belfry*, *Entropy Magazine*, darkling jeweler *Blood Milk*, and others.

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If you want a poetry collection that you can read next to a creepy church or in a cemetery and find that every poem makes you stop and whisper for the ghosts to come in closer and read with you then this is the book for you. These poems range from grotesque imaginings to playful recipes. I think that this collection can be enjoyed by anyone. That is a bold statement but it's true. A poet will find delectable intent and casual readers will find familiar forms and some interesting new forays into language play. Nothing is lost to obscurity on a first read but much is lurking, waiting to be uncovered later.

This little book is a marvel! Although I've tried otherwise, I find that I really don't want to read more than one poem at a time. Each time I open the book to whatever page cares to reveal itself, itâ™s like standing in a quiet, shadowy space and taking a bite of something dark and rich with such complex flavor - raw in some places, scorched in others, sweet, salty, bitter, the blood-tang of copper, acidic soil, earthy and rotten, yet full of enduring and defiant life - there's so much here and it's composed in a way that feels so new to me. So I don't want to rush through it; I feel physically incapable of doing so. I want to savor each poem, let it roll around on my tongue, down my throat and into my stomach, heart, and head. However I also keep the book nearby, sometimes carrying it with me from room to room so that, just as soon as I'm ready, I can open it and take another bite.

This work deserves more stars. It is infinitely deep and dense. All of those stars would collapse in to a black hole. Salt is for Curing and your mind would repeatedly fall past each other, being pulled ever-closer toward oblivion and atomic oneness, forever. Unfortunately, only five stars are available to meet their fate in this fashion. Highly recommended.

I've privately enjoyed this author's artistic creations for 15 years and couldn't wait to purchase her first fully published book. What I love about Sonya's poetry is the mixture of the everyday (cooking a meal) with the fantastical. One minute you think you're in your kitchen sharing ingredients, the next you're counting the teeth you're losing on the floor or chatting with Baba Yaga. I felt connected to her emotional experiences, and I think you will too. I highly recommend this book.

In reading of Salt Is For Curing, it took all that I had not to devour this small book of spooky delights in one greedy instant. I feared that to do so, to ingest all of these potent magics at once, would give me a terribly heartsick sort of heartburn and yet leave me with the very worst sort of emptiness, knowing there is no more to be had. I drew it out for as long as I could stand.

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