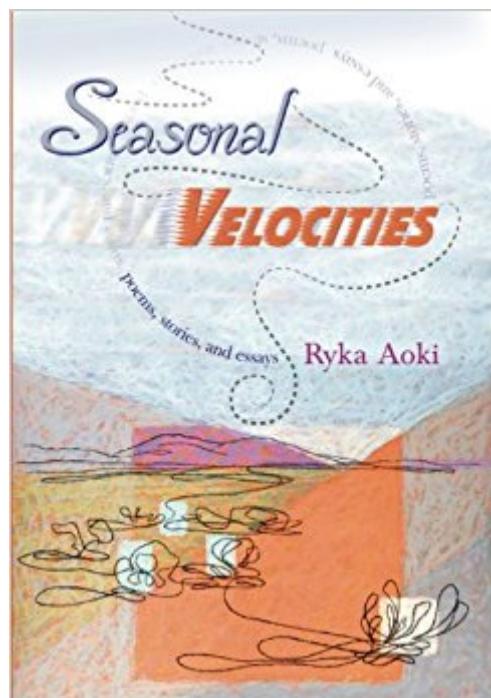


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Synopsis

Seasonal Velocities invites the reader on a fragile and furious journey along the highways and skyways of discovery, retribution, and resolve. Through her poetry, essays, stories, and performances, award-winning writer Ryka Aoki has challenged, informed, and shared with queer audiences across the United States. Seasonal Velocities was honored as a 2013 Lambda Award Finalist.

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In the hands of Ryka Aoki, words can be everything - a tool, a fire, a gift, a weapon, a meal, a barricade, a refuge. I was tempted to ration this book, so I'd have some when I needed it, but found myself gulping it down and was so nourished by it the whole way along. --S. Bear Bergman, The Nearest Exit May be Behind You, and Gender Outlaws: The Next Generation. Seasonal Velocities is a startling gem of a book. With her characteristic honesty and a powerful, fierce grace, Ryka Aoki carries us through fear in the dark, the half-lives of scars, home, and hope. As vivid and unflinching as they are lyrical, these words deliver and demand sparkling truth even as they speak of violence, longing and love. Rather than aiming to transcend, Aoki invites us to make alliance with all the contradictions of being human, to grow stories, to listen, and to build community despite everything.

--A. Finn Enke, Director of LGBT Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison Seasonal Velocities is what I want my son to hold of the trans community, the poetry of raw and reunion that I wish for his heart. Earnest, unflinching, exquisite, centered and sharp in its own uncertainty this book is his community legacy that I am proud to pass down. For my son's heart, for mine, for all of our winters,

thank you, thank you, thank you for it. --TT Jax, Editor, Lambda Literary

Ryka Aoki is a writer, performer, musician, and educator who appears in the documentaries "Diagnosing Difference" and "Riot Acts." Her work is featured in *Gender Outlaws: The Next Generation* and *Transfeminist Perspectives*. She has been honored by the California State Senate for her "extraordinary commitment to free speech and artistic expression, as well as the visibility and well-being of Transgender people." Ryka has an MFA in Creative Writing from Cornell University and a University Award from the Academy of American Poets. She is a professor of English at Santa Monica College.

Ryka Aoki wrote one of my favorite books. As someone who has read a book a month for the past 3 years, it's rare that a book stays in my mind after reading more books. I couldn't put this memoir down. I was completely enveloped in her story, in how poetic and inspiring she was in describing her life, her struggles, and her accomplishments. As a writer, Aoki opened my mind to the possibilities of creative writing in combining different writing styles in one book. I highly encourage any reader to give this book the time and attention it deserves.

Ryka speaks to me. Her words are ferocious. She is one of those artists that I admire, not only for writing such passionate, soulful work but also for being a proud trans person, so willing to give the reader a level of intimacy I find astonishing. This book needs to be on your reading list now!! Plus, when you buy this book you not only support a trans writer but also a trans business, since the press is also run by trans people! How great is that!

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