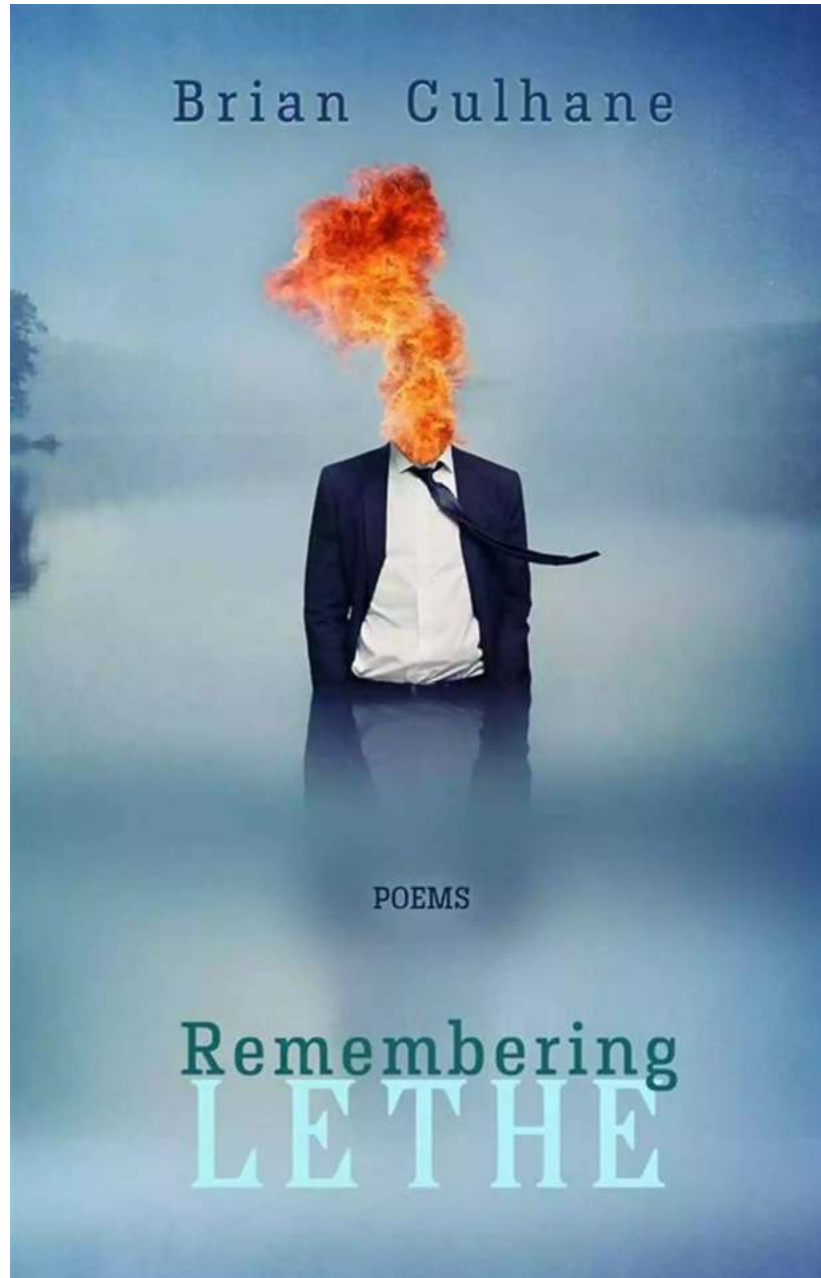


# Remembering Lethe Poems - A Journey into Brian Culhane's World of Forgotten Memories



Imagine a poetic masterpiece that takes you on a captivating journey through forgotten memories, unlocking emotions and desires buried deep within. Enter Brian Culhane's world of Remembering Lethe Poems, where

words become a gateway to forgotten realms. In this article, we will explore Culhane's eloquent poetry collection, uncovering the essence of his mesmerizing work and its impact on our souls.

## Discovering the Forgotten

Remembering Lethe Poems is a collection that delves into the depths of human introspection, casting light on memories hidden beneath the surface of consciousness. Culhane's masterful use of descriptive language coaxes these memories out of the shadows, allowing readers to revisit forgotten moments with an unparalleled sense of clarity.



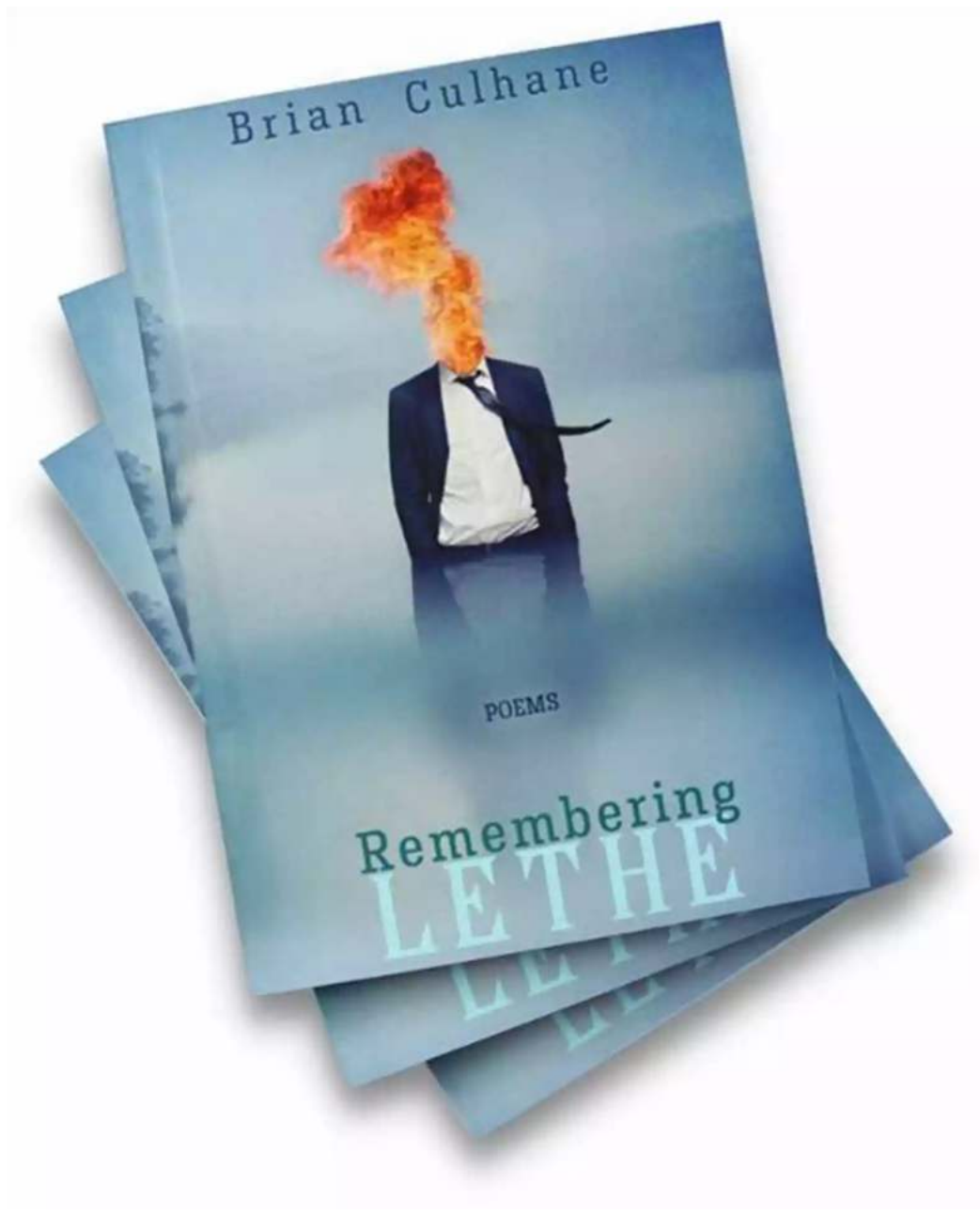
### Remembering Lethe: Poems by Brian Culhane(Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

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Each line carries the weight of unspoken emotions, flowing through the pages like a river of forgotten dreams. Culhane's talent lies in his ability to weave words into a tapestry of vivid imagery, capturing the essence of each memory and bringing it to life through poetic expression.



## Unlocking Emotions

Remembering Lethe Poems is not just a simple recollection of memories; it is an emotional journey that allows readers to connect with their own forgotten pasts. Culhane's profound understanding of human emotions seeps through every verse, evoking feelings of joy, longing, sorrow, and everything in between.

With the power of his words, Culhane navigates the intricate maze of our minds, resurrecting memories that have long been buried. Through his artistry, he reveals the bittersweet beauty of our past experiences, reminding us of the fragility and transient nature of human existence.

## **An Introspective Escape**

In our fast-paced modern lives, it's easy to lose touch with our inner selves. Remembering Lethe Poems provides a respite from the chaos of the world, inviting readers to embark on a meditative journey of self-reflection. Culhane's poems serve as a portal to a tranquil realm, where forgotten memories come alive and introspection thrives.

The collection acts as a guide, encouraging readers to take a pause from their hectic lives and delve deep into their own forgotten stories. It prompts us to question who we are, where we come from, and where we are heading. Through Culhane's intricate verses, we find solace and rediscover the hidden parts of ourselves.

## **Remembering Lethe Poems - A Must-Read Masterpiece**

The combination of Culhane's introspective exploration, beautifully descriptive language, and the ability to evoke strong emotions makes Remembering Lethe Poems an absolute must-read for all poetry enthusiasts. Whether you are a seasoned poetry lover or new to the genre, this collection will captivate your heart and leave an indelible mark on your soul.

Remembering Lethe Poems is a timeless testament to the power of words and their ability to connect us with our past. Culhane's lyrical expressions resonate deeply within, causing ripples of remembrance to cascade

through our being. It is a remarkable journey that reminds us of the beauty and complexity of our existence.

So, immerse yourself in the world of Remembering Lethe Poems as Brian Culhane shares his profound insights and invites you to rediscover the forgotten corners of your own soul. Let his words guide you through the labyrinth of your memories, and emerge with a renewed sense of self and a deeper understanding of what it means to be human.



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With remarkable erudition, the poems in Brian Culhane's Remembering Lethe explore the way classical history and legend may illuminate modern life. Thus the title poem links a son's poignant visit to his mother, suffering dementia, to the myth of Lethe, the river in classical mythology from which dead souls drink to forget their past lives. A pervading theme is the might and character of literature itself, and how it can lead to deep personal insights and beauty, even in the midst of wars, political repression, and

censorship. This insightful and masterfully crafted collection is a worthy finalist for the 2020 Able Muse Book Award.

## PRAISE FOR REMEMBERING LETHE

Brian Culhane is a poet whose work leaps across classical myths and World War II history; across poetic forms that shimmer with innovation; across loss and love and the deep river of Lethe, the river in Hades that causes forgetfulness. In our culture, in this time, we forget a lot of things. “You’ll perhaps cross the abyss / Between words, though no margin of safety’s promised us,” Culhane writes, and the journey of Remembering Lethe is one into a language and imagination so alive and generous that it beckons to, and then surprises and engages, every reader. This book is a consolation and an inspiration.

—Frances McCue, author of *The Bled*

Brian Culhane’s poetry is a form of knowledge, and its truth and beauty as art would be recognizable at any time, in any era. The title Remembering Lethe presents us with the riddle of poetry itself. Lethe, the classical river of forgetfulness, may erase the memory of everything except the very poetry that created it. Reflecting a lifetime of reading, teaching, and writing, the poems in this book merge with their subjects in classical proportions, formed by a lyric impulse the poet calls in one poem “two parts darkness, one part song.” Darkness may sometimes shadow these poems, but joy illuminates each of them in the end.

—Mark Jarman, author of *The Heronry*

In “A Crack in the Amphora,” just one of the many formally masterful, richly probing, and movingly resonant poems in Remembering Lethe, Brian

Culhane enjoins the reader to “squeeze your eyes through / Past the dry outer world of painted clay,” to find “a corridor leading away / From light,” into the interior the sculptor’s “palm knew / As wet, before any votive oil splashed in.” Here, in a manner exemplary of this poet’s ingenious imaginative powers, the poem opens to a world vital with allusion and pervasively attuned both to “the core of darkness” and to the world at hand with which, as he says elsewhere, “the longhand of thought” also must contend. Culhane’s poems are unapologetically literate, inclusive in their pursuit of emotional and intellectual truth, and rare in their responsiveness to what is most necessary for the art.

—Daniel Tobin, author of *Blood Labors*

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Brian Culhane’s *The King’s Question* (Graywolf Press, 2008) won the Poetry Foundation’s Emily Dickinson Award for a first book by an author over fifty. His poems have appeared widely in such journals as the *Hudson Review*, the *New Criterion*, the *New Republic*, and the *Paris Review*. After getting his MFA at Columbia University, he received a PhD in English literature from the University of Washington, where he focused on epic literature and the history of criticism. The recipient of fellowships from Washington State’s Artist Trust, MacDowell, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, he now divides his time between New York’s Catskills and Seattle.





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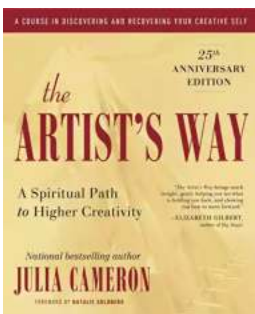
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