

RUPTURE

Clementine Morrigan

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Rupture bravely captures the emotions of trauma, pleasure and recovery. This series of poems, divided into six parts, takes the reader through the author's experiences of sexual violence, discovering her sense of self and relationships, and how she has started her journey towards heal-



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ing. Although some of the poems are extremely difficult to read, Morrigan's work serves as a way for others who are dealing with similar experiences to begin to articulate some of their own pain. In "divine responsibility," Morrigan writes, "self love is a divine responsibility / because the goddess Herself makes / no mistakes." The juxtaposition of the empowerment expressed in some of the poems and the hurt in others underscores the nuanced struggle of living with a painful history. **EB**