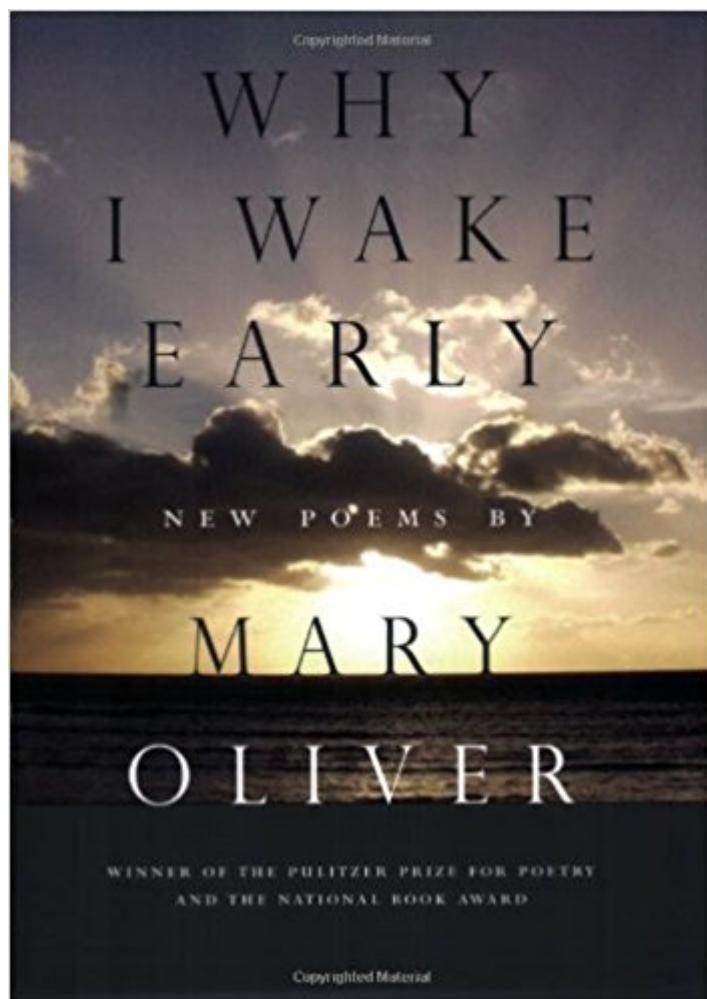


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# Why I Wake Early: New Poems



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The forty-seven new works in this volume include poems on crickets, toads, trout lilies, black snakes, goldenrod, bears, greeting the morning, watching the deer, and, finally, lingering in happiness. Each poem is imbued with the extraordinary perceptions of a poet who considers the everyday in our lives and the natural world around us and finds a multitude of reasons to wake early.

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Mary Oliver, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry and the National Book Award, is one of the most celebrated and best-selling poets in America. Her books include *New and Selected Poems, Volume One* and *New and Selected Poems, Volume Two*; *Why I Wake Early*; *Owls and Other Fantasies*; *House of Light*; *Dream Work*; *White Pine*; *West Wind*; *The Leaf and the Cloud*; and *What Do We Know*. She has also published five books of prose, including *Blue Pastures*, *Rules for the Dance*, and *Winter Hours*, and an audio, *At Blackwater Pond*.

Mary Oliver gives you a reason to wake early in every poem in this gem of a book! Finding life-affirming beauty in the smallest things and revealing them to the reader through the loveliest poetry imaginable, what a gift Oliver has given us!

Early morning is a wonderful time to look out at the world around us. The day is a fresh new beginning filled with the wonders and joys of life. Yet, it is also a time of reflection and understanding as one looks out at the misty swirling columns of death as well. I found all of these in this book and more. It is a collection of understanding the finer elements of life by just watching and hearing. Enjoy for it will take down a nature's path and take a look at life.

This is a brilliant book full of keen observations about life. The whole scope of human perceptions is focused and captured in this poet's powerful verse. It is a great product, and the seller authentically described the book's condition.

I absolutely love Mary Oliver, and this particular book of her poems is just lovely. I gave it to my mother, who (you guessed it!) wakes early and spends a good part of every day reveling in nature. She loved it too! Highly, highly recommended.

Oliver's writing is gentle examination of her life experience. Simple, beautiful. Her genuine, often humorous observations lead readers to consider their own choices. Nature themes are calming and refreshing. Like a relaxing walk in the woods when you don't actually have time to go walking. Enjoyed it very very much. Pick it up and re-read a few pages often.

A favorite Poetess for me of our times.

Absolutely wonderful - so poignant and beautiful and important - we need to realize that we are all interconnected - we need to listen to our Mother Earth crying out for our help.

Mary Oliver is awesome and very thought provoking.

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