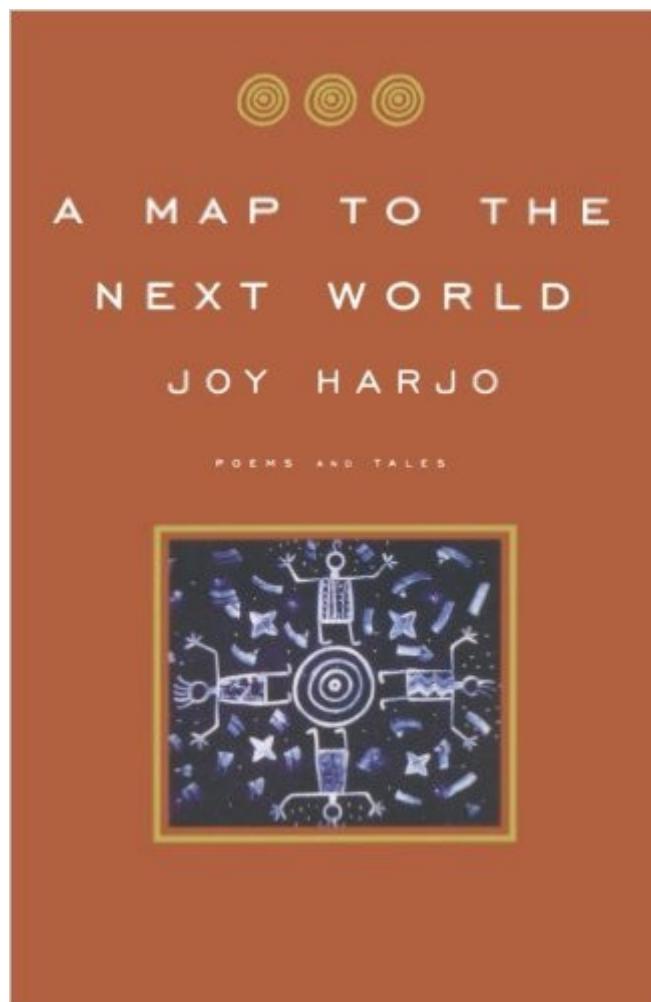


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# A Map To The Next World: Poems And Tales



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Author Joy Harjo's *A Map to the Next World* is a collection of poems and tales separated between four distinct yet interconnecting parts. Within the main sections of the book Harjo shares many emotions, events, and thoughts reflecting on the many themes, tropes, and topics. All of which are representations of Joy Harjo's cultural perspective as a female, American Indian, and Mvskoke author; however these are also representation of her human perspective of the world. Joy Harjo has allowed both readers of Native and non-Native backgrounds to approach the book of poetry by accessing commonalities and mutual understandings of the world as a whole. A centralized theme throughout much of the collection is the cycles, circles, and the cyclical nature of life, experiences, and perspectives. The spiral being both a very visual element throughout the book in the cover images, section title page images, and title images of all the poems there in. This is one of the strongest points in which this text works with ideas and the readers. Other major and minor topics and themes most notably found throughout the poems include: cycles, memory, love, history, land, grace, culture, spirits, deities, religion, conflict, language, enemies, evil, colonization, growth, customs, body, mind, skin, race, gender, and age. This collection of poems, however, is not limited

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