

# For Want of Wings: A Journey into the World of Disabled British Poets

In the realm of literature, the voices of disabled poets have often been marginalized and silenced. *For Want of Wings*, a groundbreaking anthology, seeks to rectify this injustice by offering a platform to seven extraordinary British poets who defy the limitations imposed by their disabilities.



## For Want of Wings: A Bird with Teeth and a Dinosaur in the Family by Jill Hunting

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Through their powerful words, these poets explore themes of identity, resilience, and the search for meaning in the face of adversity. Their work challenges societal preconceptions and opens up a new lens on the human experience.

## The Poets and Their Journeys

**Lizzie Emeh**



Born with cerebral palsy, Lizzie Emeh has spent her life navigating the challenges of physical disability. Through her poetry, she confronts the complexities of her lived experience with honesty and vulnerability.

**Marsha Prescod**

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Visually impaired since birth, Marsha Prescod's poetry explores the power of language to shape our understanding of the world. She challenges the dominant narratives surrounding disability and celebrates the beauty found within difference.

**Roger Robinson**



Born deaf, Roger Robinson's poetry delves into the complexities of communication and identity. His work examines the ways in which language both enriches and isolates us.

## **John Edmonds**



Diagnosed with muscular dystrophy at a young age, John Edmonds' poetry confronts the fragility of life and the power of human spirit. His work offers a poignant reflection on the joys and sorrows of the human condition.

**Jackie Kay**



Born with spina bifida, Jackie Kay's poetry explores the intersections of disability, race, and gender. Her work celebrates diversity and challenges the exclusion of marginalized voices in society.

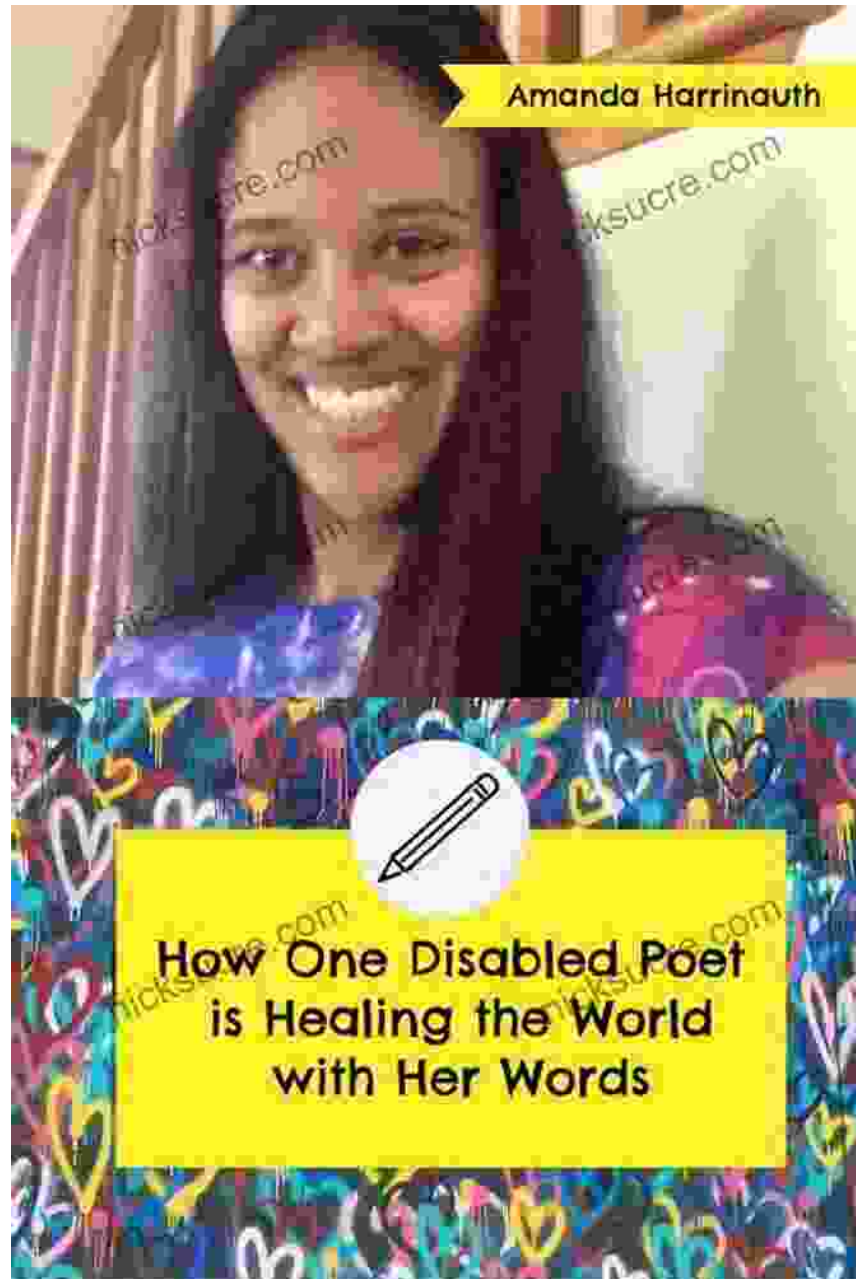
**Clare Sambrook**



Living with chronic pain, Clare Sambrook's poetry offers a unique perspective on the hidden realities of illness. Her work explores the ways in which physical suffering impacts our emotional and psychological well-being.

**Tanatsei Gambo**





Autistic since childhood, Tanatsei Gambo's poetry explores the challenges and triumphs of neurodivergence. Her work offers a powerful voice for those who often feel silenced within society.

### **The Challenges and Triumphs**



The poets featured in *For Want of Wings* have faced countless barriers in their pursuit of artistic expression. From inaccessible venues to a lack of representation in the literary landscape, they have had to navigate a world that is often hostile to disabled voices.

Despite these challenges, they have persevered, using their words to challenge societal norms and inspire change. Their work has received critical acclaim and has helped to raise awareness about the experiences of disabled people.

### **The Power of Representation**

*For Want of Wings* is more than just an anthology of poetry. It is a powerful statement about the importance of representation in literature. By giving a platform to these talented poets, the anthology highlights the diversity of human experience and the richness that disability can bring to the world.

The poets in this collection offer a unique perspective on the world, one that challenges our assumptions and expands our understanding of what it means to be human. Their voices are essential to the ongoing struggle for equality and inclusion.

*For Want of Wings* is a groundbreaking and inspiring anthology that offers a rare glimpse into the world of disabled British poets. Through their powerful words, these poets challenge societal preconceptions, explore the complexities of identity, and celebrate the beauty found within difference.

Their work is a testament to the resilience and creativity of the human spirit, and it serves as a reminder that no one should be excluded from the pursuit of artistic expression. By giving a platform to these voices, *For Want*

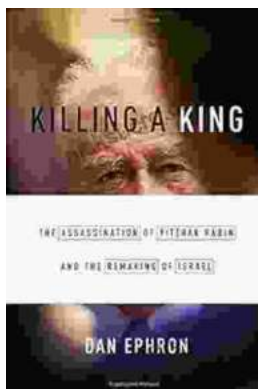
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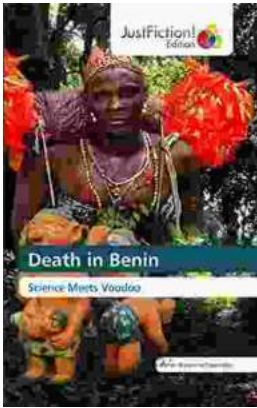
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