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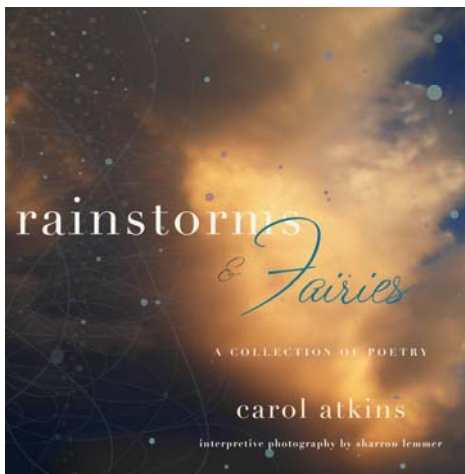
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Collection of Poems Paired with Interpretive Photographs Reflects Author's Lifelong Activism and Love of Nature

Book celebrates the resilience of humanity

Carol Atkins' latest book of poetry is titled *Rainstorms & Fairies*. In this collection of 42 poems, each verse is paired with an interpretive full-color photograph by Sharron Lemmer. The result is evocative and illuminating.

The title of the book comes from a story Carol's mother used to tell about how every time a raindrop splashes down, a fairy is born. The accompanying photo shows the translucent shape of a fairy emerging from the rain, reminding readers that magic never ceases to exist, as long as you first believe.



Readers be warned, however – the book is far more than a collection of pretty poems and pictures. It reflects Carol's lifetime involvement in women's rights and other activist movements as well as disconcerting truths that are often left unsaid. The verses express complex issues without mincing words, sometimes with humor and other times with a subtle nudge beyond the obvious.

The poetry also offers encouragement and has the hopeful tone that things can get better – if we work to make them that way. A celebration of resilience in spite of the fact that life is inherently unfair, Carol's poetry reflects the essential belief that “the acts of caring people can help even out the odds.” As the speaker in the poem “Conference” says, “We meet with hope in check/coming together with bent pieces/seeking solace and somehow a fit.”

Carol, now 85, has received numerous awards for her writing, her leadership, and her community service on behalf of women. She is the author of five books and two short plays in addition to *Rainstorms & Fairies*.

Rainstorms & Fairies is available at www.sharolbooks.com as well as independent bookstores nationwide.

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