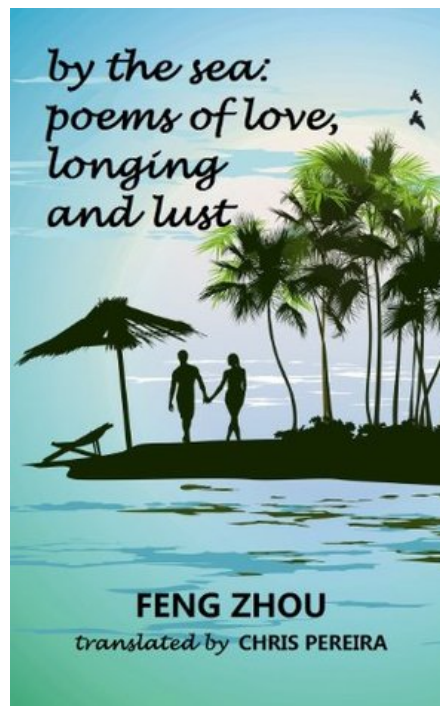




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Is there a more romantic destination than a beach? Is there a more exquisite experience than the journey of love and passion?

The road of loving and being loved is one we will all walk. Once Cupid's arrows have hit, all we want is to escape the ordinary and live a romantic, beautiful, and carefree life with our partner. That's why the Poet has chosen that endless ocean horizon to travel alongside.

With the sun beaming down and your lover by your side, it is nothing short of paradise. But life is short, and good times are like the dusk: It doesn't last forever. Within these pages are a collection of romantic poems penned on sandy beaches, straight from the heart. Yet these verses don't just offer beautiful words, but also a chance to relive your most passionate moments.

So gather your lover close, delve inside, and discover how high desire can soar, how vibrant the oceans are, and how poignant love poems can be!

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Caroline says

Before the reader is taken on a beautiful journey of love, longing & lust the author provides a display of his views on poetry that attest to his deep-rooted passion for this great art form designed to articulate the luminosity of human nature.

Feng Zhou translated book of poems gracefully expresses interpretations and meanings of love, longing & lust mainly through potent compact forms and metaphors which provided vivid images of the natural essence that inspires ones longing for love and lust.

I am fond of “The book of love” & “I so yearn for that kind of time” as it resonates with my current situation and love the last six lines in “Wave & sand serenade” revealing aspects of a relationship I hold so dear which was skillfully explained so well with so little space.

I admire the authors’ passion for poetry and could clearly see it running through the pages which made it all the more enjoyable.

I highly recommend this book to couples who would like to ignite their spirits of love for one another or those yearning to relive their most passionate moments.

? ♥ ? Princess pink diamonds posh bird LINZY.x.? ♥ ? says

What a beautiful collection of poems by Feng!

If you love poetry you'll love this book.

I loved every one of them, couldn't put the book down, I had to read the next one, then the next!

A couple of my particular favourites were; 'You and I' and 'How many red roses does your life have?', there were many others.

I've given you a fabulous 5 stars Feng because they were all written so beautifully!:)

Barbara Carey says

This book contains some of the best love poems I've ever come across. These poems transport you and they will definitely make you think of that one person who means the world to you. These poems make my heart warm. Each poem in this book is crafted with such delicacy and passionate romance that it will take your breath away. I've read these poems over and over again and I'm sure I won't ever get tired of doing so. It takes you on this magical journey with the person you love. Beautiful poems. They've been written with such passion and emotion. I would recommend it to anybody that wants to rekindle their romance, be transported to the best moments of their life or just wants to fall in love. Great read. Amazing poet!

Kyla says

Lovely poetry with a personal touch

Although I am a fan of stories and poems involving love, I am not a fan of sappy romance. I much prefer the more intense or even darker side of love; the longing, the pain and the passion.

That being said, I really enjoyed this book of poetry. I'll admit, some of them were too sappy for my taste, but that is a completely personal preference. While I don't picture myself on the beach with my true love when I read these, I do see the emotion behind each one. I could almost hear some of these as song lyrics, with the words flowing and moving like the rise and fall of the sea.

My favorite poem of the book was Far Off Waters. I would absolutely purchase and read more works from Feng Zhou

J.S. Barrett says

This is the second poetry book I've read by Feng Zhou, but after reading it I can tell you it won't be my last. This book is absolutely filled with amazing poems that you will have a hard time separating from deep emotional responses buried within your psyche. If you have ever had tender feelings for a special someone, or feelings of pure attraction and arousal for another soul, you won't be able to avoid remembering those feelings when you read many of these poems.

Your heart will flutter at the images shown through powerful language and nearly spiritual interactions. The author is more of a painter of emotions, using words for colors and the pen for his stroke. It's hard to narrow down to a few select favorites, but I formed a meaningful connection with the piece 'How I Wish'. I read it many times, each read uncovering more truth about myself than the one before.

These poems not only let you relive some of the most emotionally magically moments of your life, but it will also give you perspective on those moments. Convincing the reader to reflect upon him or herself is a vastly important aspect of writing poetry, and Feng Zhou has thoroughly accomplished this in 'By the Sea'.

Debashri says

I've never been able to get into poetry. But this book changed it for me.

The first thing I loved about this book was that it had a great introduction into the poets view of poetry and I was told how to view poetry and how best to enjoy this book (with someone you love). This ended up being a book that actually gave me a wonderful reading experience.

I found this incredibly easy to read and understand as well. The poems themselves were lovely, simple and clear and yet packed with so much meaning. Images just sprang to mind and I found myself repeating words over and over again.

I was taken into this world of waves and oceans, sand and sky... together with love and lust. I think anyone

who wants to give a meaningful and beautiful gift to a lover can do no better than sit down with him or her and read this book.

Janja K says

Beautiful collection of love poems that will warm your heart!

It has been awhile since I have read some love poems and maybe that's why I loved this collection even more. "By the Sea: Poems of Love, Longing, and Lust" is a wonderful collection of beautiful love poems that will awaken strong romantic feelings that might have fallen asleep within you. These are poems of love, life, hope, longing, passion and more.

While reading them, you can really remember the emotions that you felt with your true love. They will definitely touch you, warm your heart and won't leave you indifferent.

I love all of them, but especially "Love upon the coastline". I highly recommend this beautiful collection to all romantic souls.

Leah Sloutweg says

Feng Zhou is a wonderful poet. His work paints a picture full of emotion. You will want to settle in by the fire or lie back in a hammock together with your special someone as you lose yourself in this collection of poetry. You can almost smell the sea air and feel the waves lapping at your toes. I love it when an author can pull me into their mind and make me feel like I am seeing things through their eyes and experiencing their feelings.

I would recommend this book to any of my friends. I greatly enjoyed the time spent reading By the Sea: Poems of Love, Longing and Lust and I look forward to more work by Feng Zhou.

Feng Zhou says

So sweet, emotional, and drenched with love. The author wasn't kidding...you really need to read them next to the one who holds your heart. Each poem represented a power that pulled on my heart strings. I was engrossed in the poems as if I was experiencing them myself. Some tears were shed, I won't lie.

Magic...that's the only word I can use to describe it. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone that has or wants to experience that kind of love.

Alexis1983 says

Each of these poems invoked a different feeling for me. To the simple enjoyment of holding a loved ones' hand and watching the sunset, to the more carnal pleasures to be had when the sun has gone down. I felt like I was peering through a selection of little windows and seeing a beautiful thing. The words here are capable

of creating intense and vivid images that will stay in your mind for a long time afterwards. I actually quoted from one of these poems in an email I sent to my girlfriend, we're both big fans now. And we both loved this collection.

Garrett C says

These poems are inspiring, breathtaking, and the passion is overwhelming. Each poem in this poetry book is like flight, flying you to different edges of the world with each reading. You will gaze down at the ocean coast from a blue sky, feel a poet's meandering road of emotion, and experience romantic love stories.

With your partner in your arms, you can relive the moments that you first fell in love. You will not be disappointed and your partner will thank you for sharing these poems. The Love expressed in the book is magical, and the poems will have you begging for more."

Amanda says

Poetry has the ability to take us to a far away place and get lost in the words. This is exactly what happened to me with this book. Each poem is unique and you will lose yourself in the wonderful words of love. I found myself picturing my fiancé and I while reading and was able to enjoy the feelings of my love for him. The author doesn't use many words in his poems but the impact of them is incredible. This book is an absolute must read especially for those who love poetry!

Píaras Cíonnaíth says

Inspiring, Romantic and Imaginative!

Wow! What can I say about this read? I think my intro heading should say it all...but this work needs and deserves more. I absolutely enjoyed and was inspired by this work. This isn't something I say very often, but on this occasion, I think it's well worth giving praise when praise is truly deserved.

These poetic words generate passionate and dramatic images that will reside in your consciousness long after you've read them. This book of poetry will stir up feelings of love, yearning and desire. It has the potential to enhance your very being. As a lifelong fan of poetry, I sometimes found it hard to understand. Not so with this author. Feng Zhou writes from the heart and expresses his thoughts and feeling in a very accessible way. I highly recommend this book. Well worth the read.

Catherine Edwards says

Take a walk on the beach with your love!

My initial reaction after the first couple of pages --- Wow! After reading the whole book --- BEYOND WORDS! The author hits his chord with his short but large style; short on words, large on impact.

Each and every poem within the covers of this book sent me...remembrances of life's walk along the beach with the love of my life. The joys, the sorrow; the bursting hearts, the painful lows; the emotions... love, longing and lust.

Do NOT stop writing!

Bruce Sarte says

Poetry is so much to so many... but at its base level, poetry makes you feel.. immerses you... transports you to the authors heart. And By The Sea: Poems of Love, Longing and Lust most certainly does that in spades!

There are a number of different poems in this book, and all of them reached out and touched me in one way or another. They evoked emotions and feelings -- it really is a wonderful thing. The poems run from one to the other, and they bring you through the emotions one at a time -- but also come together to keep your emotions running the entire time. There is no let up in how these poems make you feel.

This book is a must read for lovers of sweet, subtle and lusty poetry... lovers will enjoy reading these to one another on special, quiet evenings... pick this one up!

Christine says

I finished Feng Zhou's Find Yourself and, because I loved it, didn't even wait a day before I bought this collection, sat down, and read it all at once.

If you're interested, you can read the review I left for Find Yourself. It mentions some similarities, like a forward by the author which delves deeply into his perspective on poetry. I did neglect to mention previously that there is a click-able Table of Contents in both books so you can navigate to your favorites with ease. I'll move on now to this particular collection and spell out the goodness within.

As the title suggests, By the Sea is filled with prose about love, longing, and lust. Your mind overflows with the vivid scenes Feng Zhou paints and the emotions they invoke. At times you'll experience a pure, eternal passion, and in others the yearning for such. He writes often of unrequited love and I like to imagine his muse is tethered by a thin silvery string which transverses the ocean, their souls bound together in eternity.

While each poem was a pleasure to experience, a few resounded in such a way they found a nook in my heart. "I So Yearn for That Kind of Time" is a splendid example. A couple embarks for a day at sea, where they reminisce about the past, present, future. They share once youthful dreams and how reality altered them. They laugh; live in the moment completely, allowing the day and then the sunset to come to them. The narrator longs for that memory, though he hasn't experienced it. I think it's a perfect reading for couples celebrating an anniversary; the day where they make promises for the next one to be better. Inevitably they get caught up in the rat race, and a yearning for that kind of time gets filed away. A gentle reminder it's never too late to seize the day.

I read "I am?" and found the narrator to be heroic. He doesn't save anyone from a burning building or disaster, but creates a protective force field around the woman he loves. He's been through hell, but wouldn't dream of burdening her with those memories. And it's not because she isn't capable, but rather because his love for her happiness is greater than his past experiences. His undying devotion is repaid, ultimately, by her

simple existence and the joy it brings him.

I believe anyone with a heartbeat, whether it's racing with hope and possibility, or steadfast in the comfort of an everlasting love, will envision themselves in this collection. It would make a wonderful gift for your beloved and I plan to read it again and again.

Martin Jones says

I think anyone who has ever been in a romantic relationship would really enjoy reading these poems, even if they are not particularly a fan of poetry - because so many of them resonate with human experience in a wonderful way. Every poem brings something different and manages to be creative without being overblown. Such is the variety and sheer number of poems that everyone will have their favourites - my top two have to be Loving Head Downwards and Love Upon The Coastline...but if I was to read this book again I am sure that selection would change.

Randal Burd says

Feng Zhou is not a casual poet. His chapbook, *By the Sea: Poems of Love, Longing, and Lust*, begins with the poet's well thought out definition of poetry. He describes poems in terms of visual art; poetry to Zhou is art—the creation of beautiful spaces with waves of emotion. Zhou's introduction continues to inform on the intricacies of Chinese poetry, a subject that has received too little exposure in the English-speaking world. This information is a welcome and unique perspective which a reader is sure to appreciate—a broadening of the horizons and a unique perspective.

Zhou's poems are more passionate than those of William Carlos Williams, but Zhou has the same eye for creating colorful, detailed images that can stand alone. Perhaps a touch of William Blake, the inquisitive painter-poet has, with his inspiring verse, infused some passion into these images, but more likely Zhou's inspiration comes from Chinese poets, with whom he is quite familiar. Indeed we are looking at Zhou's work through the lens of a translation, the quality of which we can only assume to be outstanding, given the finished product. It would truly be an oversight not to tip our hat to the translator, Chris Pereira, who we must assume translated the poems from the author's native language.

If you have never seen the ocean, the poetry of Feng Zhou will take you there. Many of his poems are set by the sea, with beaches, waves, currents, seagulls, and seashells making many encore appearances throughout. In case one should find the ocean view monotonous, Zhou has other beautiful spaces (and seasons) in which you can immerse yourself; even Snow White will make an appearance. This collection will take you from the depths of nature (and passion) to the seedy motel—and if you close your eyes, you'll almost miss the aroma of stale cigarette smoke and cheap perfume.

Rose says

This is a wonderful book of love poems. No, not every poem has to do with the sea, but you get a true feel for this delightful collection as you read each poem. The love story unfolds, with a simple flow, that starts soft, at first. Shows you all the beauty of love, then builds, with a solid, and slightly bold body of work that

builds a rhyme, a verse, not unlike the tides of the ocean, each poem grows more powerful, then, back with a smooth flow, and quite tempo.

This author has truly captured a love, a love story, and a romance, all filled with passion and longing. This is truly a delightful book of poetry, whether you read this with your love or, curled-up in a blanket by yourself, on the sands of your favorite beach.

Sophia Grace says

Love is in the air. Amazing.

I can define myself as a romantic person. Very romantic person.

This book took me to the past when I remember my youth and the things that come with this period as a great one.

This book has a lot to offer. Feng Zhou created great collections of love poems.

But not just love poem. It's seems that each poem in this book has being handled carefully with delicacy and passionate romance. Each poem can be read as a stand-alone poem. The unique is there are so many type that every one can find something.

Great!

Tried it on my HDX. Works Great.
