



red clay legacy

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RED CLAY LEGACY

“Rhonda Welsh offers us a poetic view of the strength and beauty of the people of Red Clay – true Earth – the beginning. Whether a love poem or a question of giving, this poet steps up to the plate, hitting a home run! We welcome this voice to the poetic discourse.”

-- **Nikki Giovanni**, poet

“Welsh tackles hard memories and names herself survivor. Like many women poets before her, Nikki Giovanni, Audre Lorde, Alice Walker, Sonia Sanchez, Welsh exposes the naked beauty of being born girl.”

-- excerpt from Foreword, **jessica Care moore**, poet and publisher, Black Moore Press

“I urge you to read these poems of love -- of where we seek it, where we miss it, and where we finally find it. Welsh’s *Red Clay Legacy* allows us entry into not just the sacred spaces of a city girl’s dreams but deep into the chambers of her red beating heart.”

-- **Stacy Parker Aab**, author of *Government Girl: Young and Female in the White House*

“Rhonda Welsh is one of Detroit’s truest and finest voices in poetry and performance poetry today. Her work is dimensional and poetically beautiful while being engaging and attractive to a diverse audience of readers and listeners. Ms. Welsh’s work is alive with passion, faith and the musicality of everydayness. This is a poet for the people. Inside these poems, the reader will find new and refreshing ways to look at the things of our lives. Dig in! Enjoy!!!”

-- **M.L. Liebler**, author of *Wide Awake in Someone Else’s Dream* and Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award Winner

“Drawn from a life as raw, rich, and resilient as red clay can be, the deeply personal and refreshingly naked poems in *Red Clay Legacy* put you in touch with your own vulnerability and set you on a path toward freedom.”

-- **Minister Rhonda J. Smith**, “Musings of a (Recovering) Strong Black Woman’s Weblog”

“*Red Clay Legacy* brought me back to the core of what life is really about -- our evolution from childhood to adult. Welsh has given us the special gift of opening the book about her life and sharing it with the world...a courageous act.”

-- **Cherrie Woods**, aka Cherrie Amour, spoken songs artist