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Kevin Cutrer : The Lord's Own Anointed before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lord's Own Anointed:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Southern Stories Told in Verse By Avid Reader Being from Louisiana, I immediately recognized the voices telling the stories in these perfectly-crafted poems. But the interesting thing is that while the setting and stories of these lines take place mostly in small Southern towns, the themes are universal--the hallmark of any great art. To top it all off, there are great illustrations at the beginning of each section, adding a cool visual element to the collection. I've already read this book several times since I bought it, and I'm sure I'll read it again. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Buy This Book, Yeah Really! By Billy It's a lovely collection, bits of meat on the bones, as it were, full, filling and fulfilling, flavoring that pot of butterbeans, staying warm on the back of the stove. A voice that rises from its setting, glorious in its praise of the complicated singing from the moist earthy night.

Poetry. Illustrations by Rob Fairburn. "In Kevin Cutrer's world someone can get the Spirit from a blow on the head with a 2 x 4, or simply because his mother teaches him to read while she answers business calls on the phone, or because he realizes he has to love his brother, despite the man's ugly transgressions. It is a world of wrenching authenticity, of the near lethal transition from innocence to experience, when as one of his memorable characters says, 'knowledge / will bite you like a snake.' The poet claims in one poem to be 'an unsound witness of my own life.' But LORD'S OWN ANOINTED shows us that Cutrer has been watching passionately, accurately, and soundly all along."—Mark Jarman

Kevin Cutrer's Lord(s) Own Anointed is, I suppose, regional poetry, and Southern regional poetry at that. Most of us have a sense of what that means, whether in Old Guard or Revisionist formulations. Cutrer moves beyond this, not so much by ignoring the history and often fraught culture of the region--its religious fundamentalism and the violence in its past, as well as its cadences of speech and narrative--but by demonstrating a seemingly effortless command of them. Cutrer's South is neither a magnolia-strewn Old South nor a neoliberal New South, but rather a place of school days and Coke machines where real people lead real lives. I recognize Cutrer's world intimately, and I admire his masterful evocation of it in this sterling book. --Quincy R. Lehr As if Robert Frost had been transposed to the rural Louisiana of Kevin Cutrer's boyhood, these poems seek out the stories of hardship and grace behind a small town's characters--often in blank verse so natural, it could have been overheard at a truck stop or honky-tonk. Keep an eye on this young poet, who has a big gift equal to his big heart. --Julie Kane In Kevin Cutrer's world someone can get the Spirit from a blow

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About the Author Kevin Cutrer was born in the American South, has lived in South America, and now resides in the southernmost neighborhood of Boston. His run-ins with higher education have occurred at Southeastern Louisiana University and Emerson College. *The Hudson*, *The Dark Horse*, *The Raintown*, and many other journals have published his poems, and he has been a featured reader for the reading series *Mr. Hip Presents*, *U35*, and *Carmine Street Metrics*.

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