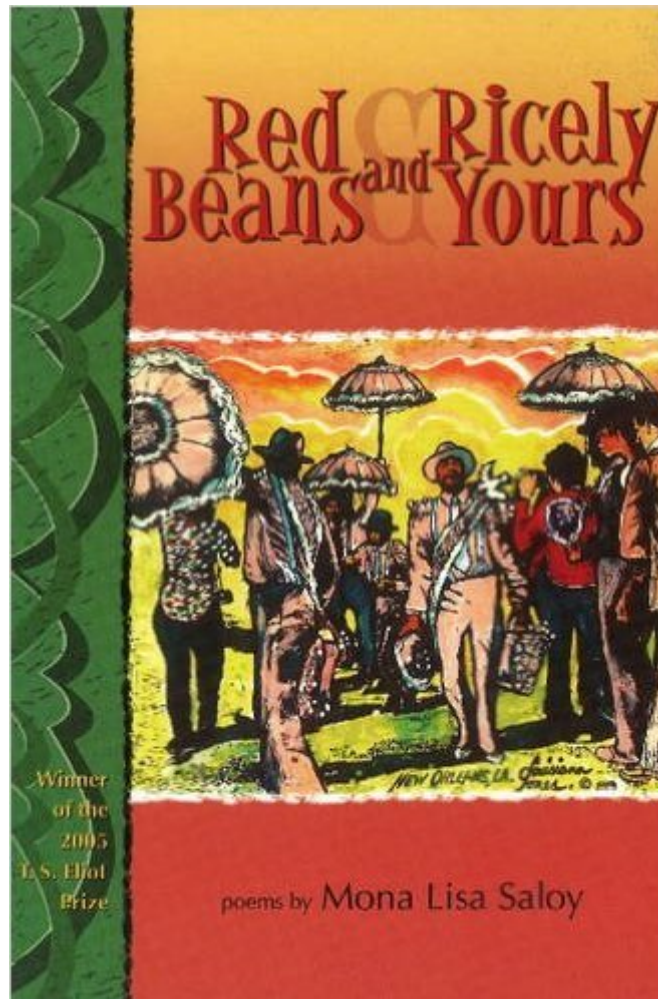


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## Synopsis

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Mona Lisa Saloy, formerly of New Orleans, tells a story of growing up in segregated New Orleans in her book of poetry, *Red Beans and Ricely Yours*. This is a slim volume packed with the flavors, sights and sounds of the author's beloved native city. Displaced by Hurricane Katrina, Saloy, a former professor at Dillard University previously resided in the Bay Area of California and recently won the Oakland Pen Award for poetry. Written in sections with titles like *Shotgun Life*, *Red Beans and Ricely Creole Quarters* and *Black Creole Love*, the book yields poems that pay homage to her light, bright Creole father (*My Creole Daddy*) and her jet black mother (*My Mother's the Daughter of a Slave*), the real native foods and a way of life that are now far away memories, maybe gone forever. She humorously tells how she came by her name in *Nat King Cole Babies* and *Black Mona Lisas* and waxes philosophically about Catholic School in *Parochial Product*. There is a glossary of terms at the end of the book as she uses a lot of Creole/French words and phrases and Louisiana language that is foreign to the rest of the U.S. You can taste the *galait* (fried bread) and *beignets*,

smell the aroma of chicory coffee and visualize the Second Line parades as you take a journey through the Seventh Ward in an hour or less. Highly recommended even for those who do not normally read poetry. Dera R. Williams APOOO BookClub

Excellent collection for a Louisianaian or someone missing the Creole Culture of the state. Also, an easy trip for anyone -- learn the aspects of the Creoles in their Native Habitat.

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