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Stuart says

watch for trouble walking
all along his course
stepping high and stalking
like a funeral horse

watch the gloom a-wheeling
black accross the sun
gibbering and squeeling
all the crows in one

April says

Dorothy Parker is fun! - while teaching us about love, loss and sorrow at the same time. This was my first encounter with her and I'll read her work again in the future.

Madeeha says

Lamenting love lost, dreams broken, the cycle of hope and inevitable disappointment, tears that follow and that vicious inner voice that laughs at you telling you that you should have known better... Cursing yourself because you know you're caught in an endless loop doomed to make the same mistakes again and again, and yet accepting it, because that incurable hope, that things will work out, is the only thing that makes life slightly more bearable, even if it leaves only pain behind.

Hope. Foolish, reckless, thrilling, disappointing hope. That's what most of her poetry is about. But instead of the usual flowery descriptions and romantic idealism, her writing is cynical and full of dry humor and quotable epigrams that insist on making you smile through the pain. Hers and yours.

Dorothy Parker is a must read for anyone who finds poetry boring. But don't take my word for it, here are a couple of my favorites from this book:

Interior

Her mind lives in a quiet room,
A narrow room, and tall,
With pretty lamps to quench the gloom
And mottoes on the wall.

There all the things are waxen neat
And set in decorous lines;

And there are posies, round and sweet,
And little, straightened vines.

Her mind lives tidily, apart
From cold and noise and pain,
And bolts the door against her heart,
Out wailing in the rain.
Dorothy Parker

The Red Dress

I always saw, I always said
If I were grown and free,
I'd have a gown of reddest red
As fine as you could see,

To wear out walking, sleek and slow,
Upon a Summer day,
And there'd be one to see me so
And flip the world away.

And he would be a gallant one,
With stars behind his eyes,
And hair like metal in the sun,
And lips too warm for lies.

I always saw us, gay and good,
High honored in the town.
Now I am grown to womanhood....
I have the silly gown.
Dorothy Parker

Rose Bae says

I found a copy from like the 40s at Powell's in Portland, OR and I read it from cover to cover. I am not necessarily an avid poetry reader, but I love her sardonic wit and her ability to be funny and poignant at the same time. This particular set of poems are very realistic about the ups and downs of relationships. My favorite is called "Theory."

Steve Shilstone says

The wry and funny poetry of Dorothy Parker

Heather Putman says

This book reignites my love for poetry. I want to inscribe my favorite quotes on my palm for quick-draw wit when the ideal situation arises. My fervent reading of Dorothy Parker continues.

Megan says

This may be my primo fave of her collected poems. I have (what appears to be) the exact copy as shown in the pic. I collect her books for sport but the potent moxie with which Parker dishes it out is accessible to all. I will forever be improved and soothed by her.

Danielle Murray says

3/5 - Some beautiful poems within the collection that really struck a cord with me and some others which left me feeling unconcerned. Overall a mix between ones that I loved and ones I was not interested in.

Caroline says

I have an unhealthy obsession with Dorothy Parker;;

Nour says

Loved the poetic literary critiques, but again, a broken heart is required.

Ryan says

A short but sweet sample:

Two-Volume Novel

The sun's gone dim, and
The moon's turned black;
For I loved him, and
He didn't love back.

Bonnie says

Love Dorothy Parker and these poems are great. I wish she had been born 100 years later than she was.
