

Judith Adams

A Fierce Language: Falling in Love with Poetry

As children we are enchanted by the stories, humor, absurdity, and rhyming cadences of nursery rhymes. But as we get older, too often our appreciation for poems dissolves as we struggle to deconstruct their meaning line by line. As a result, many come to believe that poetry is inaccessible and too much like hard work.

Drawing on diverse poets, including the rich contribution of Washington State's poets, poet and performer Judith Adams takes us on a journey to rediscover the music, power, humor, and strength of poetry, showing how it can radically enhance, change, and even save our lives.

She'll also discuss the joy of reciting poetry by heart,

listen to audience members' experience with poetry, and lead exercises to fire up the poet in all of us.

Judith Adams is an English-born poet who has lived in the United States since 1976. Adams has published four books of poetry and recorded several albums of her work, and her poems have been published in numerous magazines and anthologies. Adams has taken poetry to patients at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and held readings at the Frye Art Museum and Third Place Books in Seattle. She has conducted poetry workshops for youth and adults, and worked as a teacher for children with disabilities in Waldorf schools.

Adams lives on Whidbey Island.

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