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Spike Milligan had published volumes of humorous and children's poetry before the 1970s, but *Small Dreams of a Scorpion* is the first volume to feature some of his most personal and painful musings: partly on his own bouts of clinical depression and hospitalisation; partly about some of his darkest moments as a soldier in World War II; and also about some of the terrible moments of post-war world history and his reactions to them - the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, the Aberfan school disaster and the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

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David Griffiths says

I reread this book after 40 years. I remembered all the poems and was as moved by them as was at first reading.

v. errrrr a says

Brilliant soulful poetry. Could feel very acutely Milligan's melancholy amid witty words.

Gillian says

Heart rending poems from a tortured, tormented man who also produced some of the funniest work I have ever heard or read. R.I.P Spike.

David says

When I Suspected

There will be a time when it will end.
Be it parting
Be it death
So each passing minute with you
Pendulummed with sadness.
So many times
I looked long into your face.
I could hear the clock ticking.

Megan says

An enjoyable and eye-opening read. I'd never read any of Milligan's more serious poems but they were beautifully concise and definitely had an impact. Have a slight issue with his attitude towards women in some cases however.

Wyktor Paul says

Spike Milligan's poetry! What more can one say.

Rachel (Sfogs) says

A collection of sometimes grim poems. Simple but clever ones.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Beautiful poems about life, loss and hope.

Morwenna Williams says

Until this book, my knowledge of Spike Milligan stretched as far as his humorous poetry, the Goon Show, and that cameo he had in Life of Brian. I was thus expecting a much more lighthearted read than I got. However, the dark tone and subject matter of most of the poems was a vast success rather than a disappointment, helped by Milligan's powerful command of language. The unexpectedness of the gloom made it so much more impactful, as I had no idea what I was letting myself in for. I finished this collection of poems with a lot to think about, and with a newly heightened admiration for all Spike Milligan's complexities. Plan to read again very soon.

Tim Robinson says

Some powerful poems
but mostly
Spike was very depressed.

Michele Brenton says

This is the book that switched me on to poetry. I bought it for my Dad many years ago and ended up 'stealing' it back.

Arch says

A small book with poems and short stories, light hearted with typical Milliganese.

Charles says

It's a good way to understand someone, experiencing at their art.

Ray Mwhaki says

Dark poetry has never been funnier than when expressed by Spike Milligan. I feel comfortable sharing my own after reading his. :)

Alex Mesman says

One of the first poetry books I read. Funny and sad at the same time. Good start if you want to introduce people to poetry.
