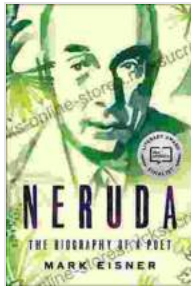


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Pablo Neruda was born Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto on July 12, 1904, in Parral, Chile. His father, José del Carmen Reyes Morales, was a railway worker, and his mother, Trinidad Candia Marverde, was a schoolteacher. Neruda's parents separated when he was young, and he was raised by his mother and stepfather.

Neruda began writing poetry at a young age. His first poem, "Oda a la primavera" ("Ode to Spring"), was published in a local newspaper when he was just 13 years old. In 1921, Neruda published his first book of poetry, *Crepusculario* ("Twilight").

Neruda's early poetry was influenced by the surrealism movement. His poems were often dreamlike and full of imagery. In 1924, Neruda published his masterpiece, *Veinte poemas de amor y una canción desesperada* ("Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair"). This collection of love

poems was a huge success, and it established Neruda as one of the most important poets of the 20th century.

Neruda's poetry often reflected his political beliefs. He was a committed communist, and he used his poetry to speak out against injustice and oppression. In 1936, Neruda traveled to Spain to fight in the Spanish Civil War. His experiences in Spain had a profound impact on his poetry, and he wrote some of his most powerful poems about the war.

In 1945, Neruda was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. He was the first Latin American poet to receive this prestigious award. Neruda continued to write poetry until his death in 1973. He is considered one of the most important poets of the 20th century, and his work has been translated into more than 100 languages.

### **Neruda's Style**

Neruda's poetry is characterized by its use of vivid imagery, metaphor, and simile. He often used everyday objects and experiences to create powerful and moving poems. Neruda's poetry is also known for its musicality. He was a master of rhythm and rhyme, and his poems are often a pleasure to read aloud.

### **Neruda's Themes**

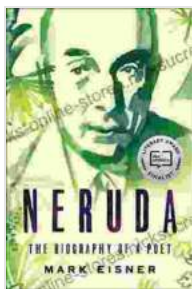
Neruda's poetry often explores themes of love, loss, and social justice. He was a passionate believer in the power of love, and he wrote some of the most beautiful love poems in the Spanish language. Neruda also wrote about the pain of loss, and his poems about the death of his wife, Matilde Urrutia, are some of his most moving work.

Neruda was a committed communist, and he used his poetry to speak out against injustice and oppression. He wrote about the suffering of the poor and the working class, and he called for a more just and equitable world.

## Neruda's Legacy

Neruda is considered one of the most important poets of the 20th century. His work has been translated into more than 100 languages, and he has been read and admired by people all over the world. Neruda's poetry has had a profound impact on other poets, and he is considered one of the most influential poets of all time.

Neruda's legacy is not only his poetry, but also his commitment to social justice. He was a tireless advocate for the poor and the oppressed, and he used his voice to speak out against injustice and oppression. Neruda's work continues to inspire people around the world to fight for a better world.



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