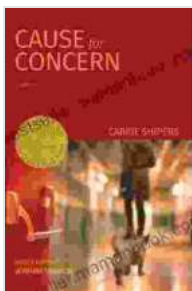


# Cause for Concern: Able Muse Award for Poetry

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is presented annually to a poet with a disability whose work demonstrates excellence and innovation. The award was established in 2007 by the Able Muse Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the work of poets with disabilities.



## Cause for Concern (Able Muse Book Award for Poetry)

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The award is named after the Able Muse Foundation's founder, Carolyn Kizer, who was a poet and disability rights advocate. Kizer believed that people with disabilities should have the same opportunities as everyone else, including the opportunity to create and share their work.

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is one of the most prestigious awards for poets with disabilities. The award has been given to some of the most

talented and innovative poets of our time, including Alice Notley, Billy Collins, and Carolyn Forché.

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is more than just an award. It is a symbol of the growing recognition of the work of poets with disabilities. The award is a reminder that people with disabilities have something valuable to say, and that they deserve to be heard.

### **The Importance of the Able Muse Award for Poetry**

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is important for several reasons. First, it helps to raise awareness of the work of poets with disabilities. The award shows that there are many talented poets with disabilities who are creating innovative and important work.

Second, the Able Muse Award for Poetry helps to challenge stereotypes about people with disabilities. The award shows that people with disabilities are not all the same, and that they are capable of achieving great things.

Third, the Able Muse Award for Poetry helps to create a more inclusive literary community. The award shows that poets with disabilities are welcome and respected members of the literary community.

### **How to Apply for the Able Muse Award for Poetry**

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is open to all poets with disabilities. To apply for the award, poets must submit a portfolio of their work, along with a cover letter and a resume. The deadline for submissions is March 1st of each year.

For more information about the Able Muse Award for Poetry, please visit the Able Muse Foundation website.

### **Past Winners of the Able Muse Award for Poetry**

- 2020: Emily Abendroth
- 2019: Cathy Park Hong
- 2018: Terrance Hayes
- 2017: Rae Armantrout
- 2016: Carolyn Forché
- 2015: Billy Collins
- 2014: Alice Notley
- 2013: Jane Hirshfield
- 2012: Carolyn Kizer
- 2011: Robert Pinsky
- 2010: W.S. Merwin
- 2009: Natasha Trethewey
- 2008: Denise Levertov
- 2007: Galway Kinnell

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is a prestigious award that recognizes the work of poets with disabilities. The award is important because it helps to raise awareness of the work of poets with disabilities, challenge

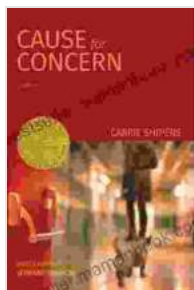
stereotypes about people with disabilities, and create a more inclusive literary community.

If you are a poet with a disability, I encourage you to apply for the Able Muse Award for Poetry. The award is a great way to get your work recognized and to help to make the literary community more inclusive.

Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

The Able Muse Foundation



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