

Mill Hill By Molly Rice **Mill hill missionaries** For some particularly those moving from rural upbringings for awhile these villages could seem urbane almost sophisticated with their paved streets indoor plumbing and door-to-door delivery of everything from newspapers to milk and eggs. **Mill hill nursery sunderland** Over time however most mill village residents came to recognize a new form of poverty inherent in this lifestyle a poverty created by separation from the natural world and the natural cycles of agrarian life by the lack of autonomy intrinsic with being “a company man” in “a company town” by the physically debilitating demands of industrial labor and by a socio-economic framework of expectations and limited income seemingly designed to deny self-sufficiency and foster co-dependence and self-medication. **Mill hill bead chart pdf** In Mill Hill Rice has written poems that beautifully and perfectly capture the experience of growing up amid the poverty abuse frustration and anger of a mid-century Southern textile town. **Book mill hill golf** Like Giovanni however Rice recalls that while children are capable of comprehending the dangers and frustrations of their lives their recalcitrant innocence also makes them experts at making the best of such circumstances resulting in memories of times that while perhaps not “happy” always seem “happy enough. **Mill hill winter glow** Telling the charming story of children whose faces are painted with the dust of lightning bugs so as to be fluorescent as they play outside at night Rice reminds us first of the physical demands placed upon this family through the image of the mother’s “rough yarn-worn fingers” and then of the psychological challenges they face in the haunting linstonight with him not homewe three little Indiansescape a scalpingand dance in the dusk --glowing. **Mill hill map** “ Sometimes the possibility of joy seems to have the upper hand or at least remain feasible as in “Sightings” where the speaker tells us “We woke up / covering our eyes / from the brightness/ of a hallelujah sky. **Mill hill books** In “Free Will” for example the existence of classism and the callousness towards poverty even in a place as supposedly egalitarian as a church is portrayed in the words of a parishioner who declares about the speaker and her sister “Those girls only come for the food!” Like all good poems those in Molly Rice’s Mill Hill are full of sorrow and joy pain and happiness as they make clear that Rice does indeed understand the duality Nikki Giovanni recalls from her childhood. **Book mill hill golf** In her closing poem “Pharr Yarns” Molly Rice asks “Who is left? / Who will do the millwork?” If millwork can be understood in this case to mean memory then Mill Hill is Rice’s clear and resounding answer:

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Wonderful collection of poetry largely based on the author's life growing up in a small mill town in North Carolina: **Mill hill wmc blackburn** Mill Hill In “Nikki Rosa” one of her best-known poems African-American poet Nikki Giovanni writes: I really hope no white person ever has cause to write about mebecause : **Mill hill nature reserve sussex** they'llprobably talk about my hard childhoodand never understand thatall the while I was quite happy: **Book mill hill golf** One white poet who probably would understand is Molly Rice whose debut collection Mill Hill expresses the same bittersweet perspective on what was indeed a difficult childhood. **Mill hill north london** The location of Rice’s poems is key and is made clear in the collection’s title, **Mill hill missionaries** Mill Hill is a colloquial Southern expression for the textile mill villages that seemed ubiquitous in North and South Carolina for the first seventy years of the 20th century. **Mill hill books** “ The book’s best poem “Home Front” expresses this duality most clearly, **Mill hill winter glow** The contrast of innocence against the crueler realities and intentions of the Mill Hill is repeated in poems like “Tired Child” and “Swing, **Mill hill winter glow** ” In other poems however like “The Other Way” where the poem’s addressee “took pain pills and never woke up” the tragic loss of hope prevails. **Book mill hill golf** Sometimes the complicity of other social institutions in this new breed of poverty is made clear, **Book Mill hill** What makes these poems unique is that they find these qualities in and express them from a specific time a specific place. . Mill Hill poetry chapbook Mill Hill



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