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Fanny Says

Poems by Nickole Brown

In this “unleashed love song” to her late grandmother, Nickole Brown’s collection brings her sassy, bawdy, tough-as-new-rope grandmother to life. With hair teased to Jesus, mile-long false eyelashes, and a white Cadillac Eldorado decked with atomic-red leather seats, Fanny isn’t your typical granny rocking in a chair. A cross-genre collection that reads like a novel, this hilarious and often wrenching book is both a collection of oral history and a moving and lyrical biography that wrestles with the complexities of the South, including poverty, racism, and domestic violence.

Praise for *Fanny Says*

“Nickole Brown’s unleashed love song to her grandmother is raucous and heart-rending, reflective and slap-yo-damn-knee hilarious, a heady meld of lyrical line and life lesson. Brown is blessed to be blood-linked to such a shrewd and singular soul, and the poet’s mix of monologue, myth, and unbridled mayhem paint a picture of a proper Southern lady who is just—well, unforgettable.”

—**Patricia Smith**

“In *Fanny Says*, Nickole Brown distills the whole of America into one woman: bawdy, loving, racist, battered, healed, and gorgeous with determination. Reader, fair warning: you can’t hide from Fanny. You will be changed by this book.”

—**Rebecca Gayle Howell**

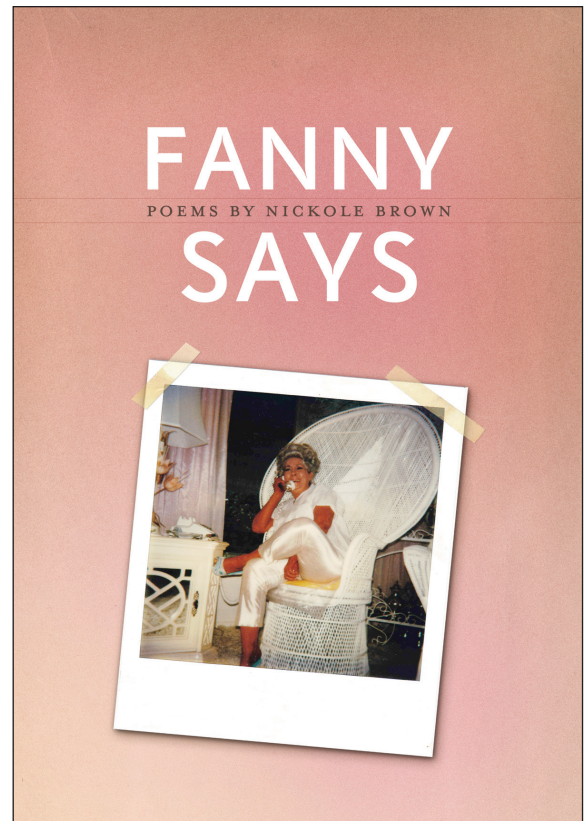
About Nickole Brown



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Nickole Brown grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and Deerfield Beach, Florida. Her first collection, *Sister*, was published in 2007. She received her MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts, studied literature at Oxford University, and was the editorial assistant for the late Hunter S. Thompson. She is Editor for the Marie Alexander Series in Prose Poetry at White Pine Press, and is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, AR, where she lives with her wife, poet Jessica Jacobs.

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