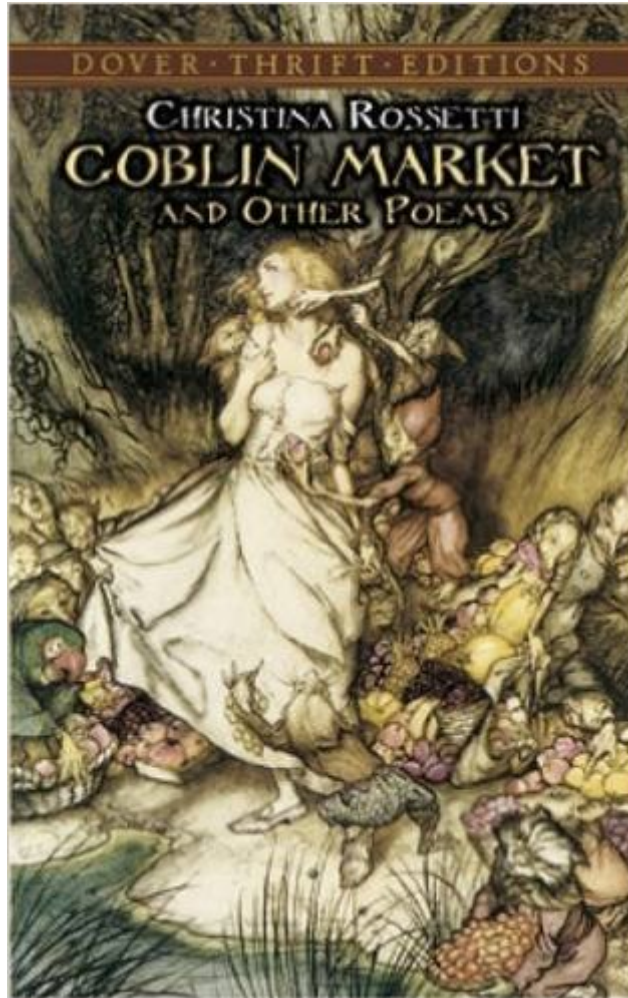


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## Synopsis

An important and often-quoted literary figure, the English poet Christina Rossetti (1830–1894) wrote some of the most beautiful and voluptuous poetry in the English language. Like Emily Dickinson, she lived in self-imposed isolation, writing of God and lost love with a sensuality and passion that seemed to emanate from the soul. This edition of 53 works combines a number of her best-known sonnets, ballads, and shorter lyrics with her long masterpiece, the narrative fable *Goblin Market*. A haunting fairy tale in verse, *Goblin Market* was once labeled a children's poem, yet its intricate symbolism and themes of temptation, sin, and redemption mark it for an adult audience. Among other works included in this choice collection are "The Convent Threshold," "Up-hill," "Cousin Kate," "Winter: My Secret," "Maude Clare," "No, Thank You, John," and "After Death."

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## Customer Reviews

this Dover Thrift Edition of poems by Christina Rossetti is compact, easy to carry about and to read, rewarding momentary opportunities. The title poem is not a favorite of mine, but many do admire it. I prefer four short poems here: Remember, After Death, Song, and Uphill. ¶ This is one of several rewarding Dover Thrift Editions; if you have not yet tried them, this one will open a door.

Whether you happen to know the how's and why's of Christina Rossetti's life and time, her poetry, and especially *Goblin Market*, is truly amazing. Of course knowing her circumstances only makes the joy and fascination even bigger for a contemporary reader. The courage and the cost for a

woman to be able to write what she wrote can only be imagined. She is the original Girl Power if ever there was such a thing and Goblin Market a legacy of its time.

While I've already reviewed & recommended the Penguin edition of "The Collected Poems" by Christina Rossetti, I realize that it's an enormous volume, especially for anyone not familiar with her work. This slim collection is a perfect introduction for the curious reader, with her famous "Goblin Market" as its crown jewel -- a poem that makes the book worth getting just by itself. The intertwining threads of Eros & Piety in this miniature epic evoke an intense & sensual power that reveals the conflicting aspects of the author's own soul. The other poems are a good, representative selection, emphasizing her focus on Nature, beauty, death, and piety. Let me add that the religious poems are superb & moving, even for a non-believer. Rossetti had the talent to go far beyond uninspired moralizing & create poems of genuine religious feeling -- the result isn't dreary proselytizing, but personal testimony of her own inner experience, a sense of the transcendent emotions she herself felt. You don't have to share her belief to find something rich & meaningful in what she wrote about it. Highly recommended!

I remember reading Goblin Market for class at my university for British Literature. It was one of the best poems I have ever read in that class. The imagery is fantastic and passionate. When I found out that Goblin Market was published in this book, I was overjoyed. The other poems were really delightful and really fit in with Goblin Market. Many of the poems have religious and feminine themes in them, but are simply amazing. It's worth reading at least once.

This was an excellent introduction to Christina Rossetti's poetry. I had planned on buying a book that contained the complete writings of Ms. Rossetti, and someone recommended this as a good introduction. I agree! These poems are for the most part enjoyable to read and digest.

I think Goblin Market was a wonderful book for whatever type of life you happen to live. Each and every poem can be interpreted in so many different ways to pertain to your own life. The poems were not meant to be taken literally word for word, and the religious aspects of the book do not necessarily need to be interpreted just as they are written. It is a book of poems written by a strong woman that was not afraid to show her feelings. I recommend it to anyone that enjoys poetry and has an open and thoughtful mind.

This e-book poem collection is definitely worth \$1.99. The poem "Goblin Market" is fantastic, and utterly unique classic poem. FYI, this poem is 27 pages long (as displayed on my Kindle). I liked some of the other poems, but Rossetti tends to dwell too much on death and dying. Goblin Market was a work of true genius, though, and it is not depressing. If you like fantasy and faerie tales, you will like this poem.

I have taken a few friends to a Restaurant in the beautiful and quiet little town of Mt. Dora Florida that is named for this poem. Since many times we were celebrating birthdays, I thought it was only fitting to give them this book as a gift. I did buy one for myself. I loved the book and so did all of my friends.

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