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BEAUTIFUL WASTE POEMS BY DAVID McCOMB

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'You get the feeling he could hate and love to excess, but his poetry melds these extremes ...' John Kinsella

ABOUT THE BOOK

Brilliant songwriter and lead singer of the Triffids, David McComb died in 1999 leaving behind a legacy of evocative music. Always more than a pop musician, McComb was a perceptive poet who explored and confronted addiction, pop culture, the colloquial and the metaphysical.

Collected and published for the first time, this is the poetry McComb wrote during his 20s and 30s when the Triffid's musical output was at its height.

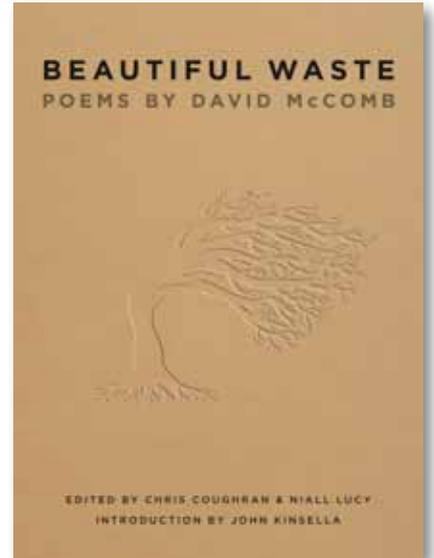
Introduced by renowned poet John Kinsella, the poems in this book will delight fans of popular music and contemporary poetry alike. Beautiful Waste illuminates a hitherto neglected aspect of McComb's creative brilliance.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David McComb formed The Triffids in 1978 in Perth. Relocating first to the eastern states and then to London in 1984, the band divided its time between Australia and Europe for the remainder of the decade, touring and recording (among other works) the acclaimed albums; *Born Sandy Devotional* (1986), *In the Pines* (1986) and *Calenture* (1987). After The Triffids disbanded McComb continued writing and performing with bands – The Blackeyed Susans; The Red Ponies; *costar* – and released a solo album, *Love of Will*, in 1994. He died in 1999 at age 36.

MEDIA NOTES

- A companion volume to *Vagabond Holes: David McComb and the Triffids* to be published in September 2009.
- An independent documentary film of the Triffids is in production.
- The Triffids CDs have been remastered and released to critical and popular acclaim and the band's reunion concerts in 2009 sold out in record time.
- First time McComb's poems have been published in book form.



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