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Multiverses

Poems by Celia Lisset Alvarez

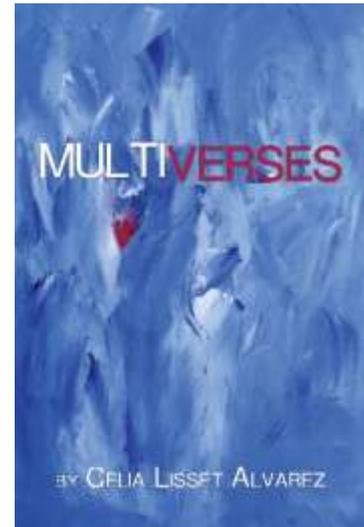
Multiverses' personal narrative is powerful and moving. Equally so is the poet's skillful treatment of memory and time, which in the depths of grief might be our only source of salvation.

—Shara McCallum, author of *No Ruined Stone* and *Madwoman*

Multiverses, untethered from chronological time, creates a portal for readers in which the recording of events becomes an event.

—Geoffrey Philp, author of *Garvey's Ghost*.

Imagine going through two miscarriages. Imagine then having a beautiful baby girl, so beautiful and perfect that you decide to have another baby. Imagine being told you're having twins, a boy and a girl. Then, imagine going into labor at just 27 weeks, and giving birth to micro-premies—newborns weighing less than 2 lbs. Imagine the heartache of watching them inside an incubator, day by day for twenty-six days, only to lose your baby boy to an infection. Imagine going through all this without the support of your best friend—a grand-uncle who dies just months after your first baby girl is born. Or of your father, who develops Alzheimer's just after you bring home your second baby girl, at just 4 lbs. Imagine somehow surviving all of this, only to have your father die unexpectedly just a year after you came home.



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And then, imagine it all away.

What happens when you pull a single thread out of a braid? *Multiverses*, a speculative memoir in verse, explores that possibility, telling the real story of what happened to one family over the course of just four years, and then untelling and retelling it in various different ways.

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