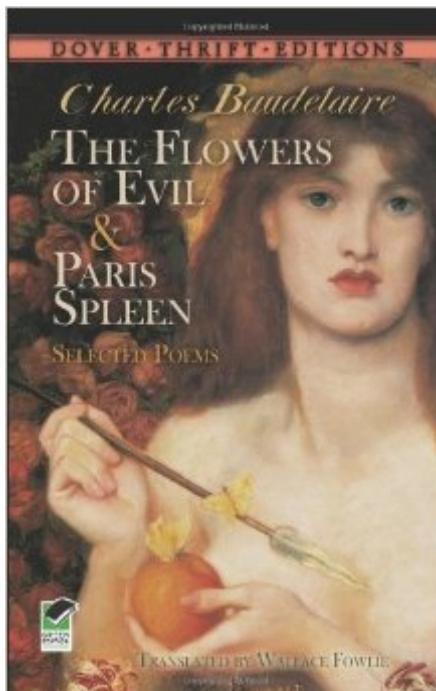


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A fantastic collection of poetry by Baudelaire published posthumously. I read this in anticipation of a Coursera class I am taking in February called "The Modern and Postmodern." After having recently diving into modern poetry it was a tad bit easier for me to allow these poems which seem more like mini-essays of observation, to touch me like traditional poetry. This collection seems to inhabit a world both modern and archaic and the observations made are though personal and inwardly reflective quite relevant to the constantly changing nature of the outer world. I especially enjoyed "The Wicked Maker of Window Glass," "Crowds," and "Intoxication" which all called to some part of me and the inner world I inhabit and the outer world I attempt to navigate. Recommended for both

all lovers of poetry and those that enjoy reflection of our spiritual life as it relates to the crazy world around us. I look forward to future digging into the work of Baudelaire, most probably starting with "The Flowers of Evil."

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