

# Muddy Matterhorn: A Literary Everest by Heather McHugh\*\*

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Nestled amidst the towering literary landscape, Heather McHugh's "Muddy Matterhorn" emerges as a formidable peak, challenging readers to ascend its enigmatic slopes. With deft precision and evocative imagery, McHugh crafts poems that excavate the depths of language, identity, and the human experience, leaving an enduring mark on the literary canon.

**\*\*Alt Text 1:\*\* Ascent to Linguistic Heights**



**\*\*Alt Text 2:\*\* Unraveling Identity's Labyrinth**

### INTENSIVE CARE

As if intensity were a virtue we say  
good and. Good and drunk. Good and dead.  
What plural means is as everything  
that multiplying greatens, as if two  
were more like ninety-nine than one,  
or one were more like zero than  
like anything. As if  
you loved me, you will leave me.

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You (are the man who) made  
roadmaps to the ovaries  
upon his dinner napkin.  
I (in the woman who) always forgot  
where she was— in a state,  
in a sentence. Absently stirring  
my alphabet soup, I remember  
childhood's clean white calendar  
and blueprint of the heart.

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As if friends were to be saved  
we are friends. We talk to ourselves,  
go home at the same time.  
As if beds were to be made  
not born in, as if love  
were just heredity  
we know the worst, we fear  
the unknown. Today we were bad  
and together; tonight  
we'll be good and alone.

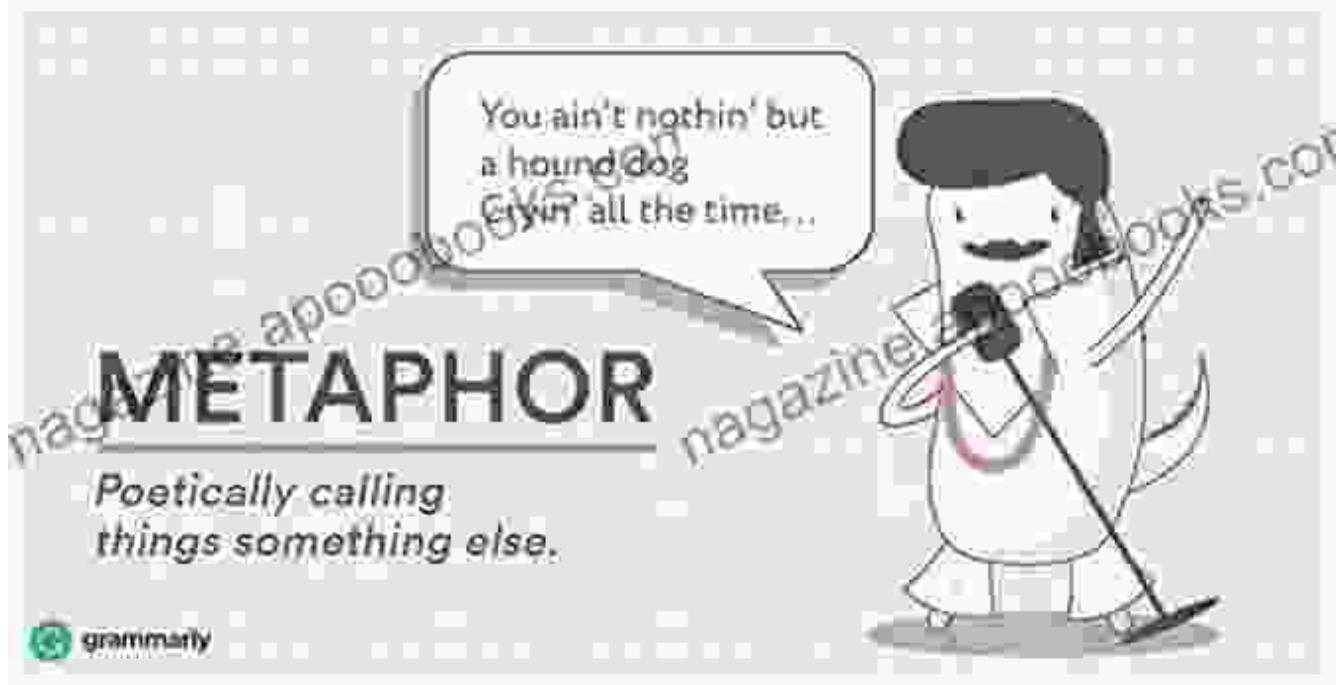
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**\*\*Alt Text 3:\*\* Transcending Boundaries through Imagery**



**\*\*Alt Text 4:\*\* Metaphors That Resonate**



**\*\*Alt Text 5:\*\* Accessibility and Universal Appeal**

## DARK VIEW

The sun that puts its spokes in every  
Wheel of manhandle and tree

Derives its path of seashines  
(Sheer centrifugality) from my

Regards. I send it  
My regards. Some yards

Of lumen from the fabrika  
Have come unbolted from the look

Of it (or likes of me), a long  
Unweaving or recarding I

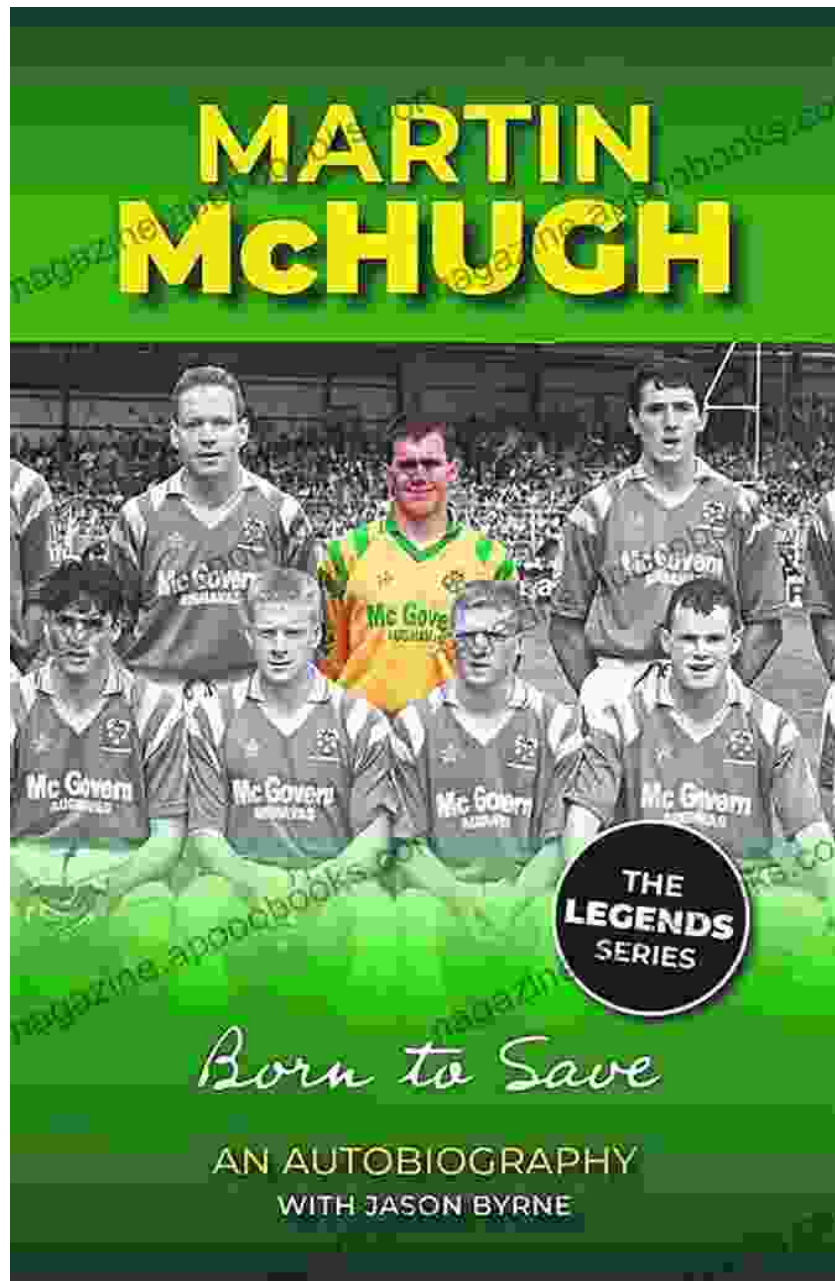
Cannot recall begun, and there  
Before my eyes a palm

Puts lashes round the sun.

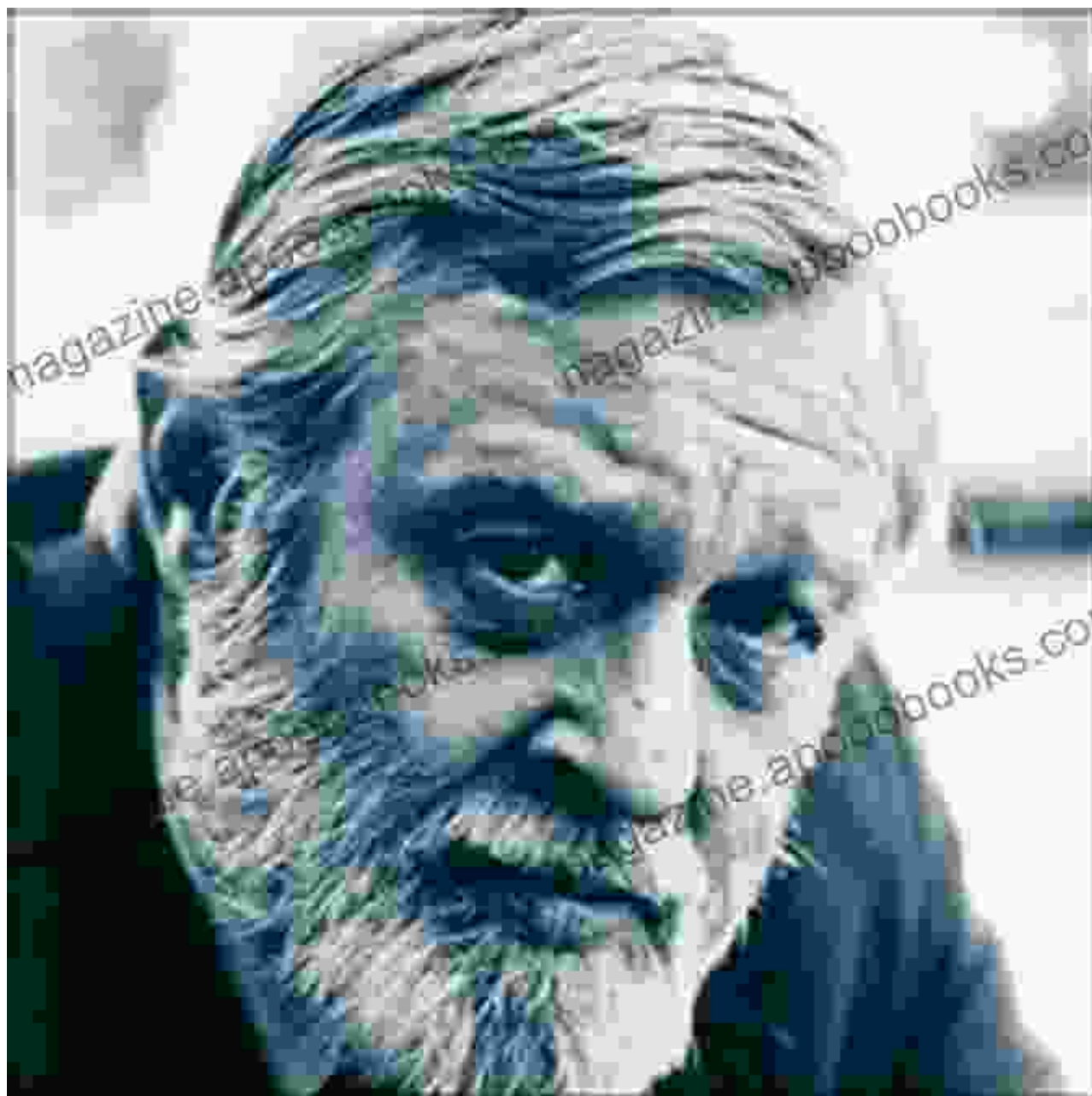
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**\*\*Alt Text 6:\*\* Critical Acclaim and Literary Impact**



**\*\*Alt Text 7:\*\* A Legacy of Timeless Poetry**



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As you delve into the pages of "Muddy Matterhorn," prepare to embark on a literary adventure that transcends the ordinary. Heather McHugh's extraordinary ability to navigate the complexities of language, identity, and human experience elevates this book to the status of a literary Everest.



With each step you take up its slopes, you will encounter linguistic wonders, unravel the labyrinth of identity, traverse surreal landscapes, and discover profound truths hidden within the intricate web of metaphors. "Muddy Matterhorn" is a masterpiece that will resonate with you long after you reach its summit, leaving an enduring imprint on your literary journey.

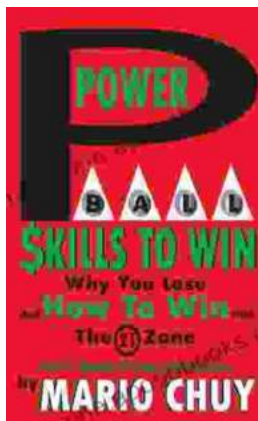


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