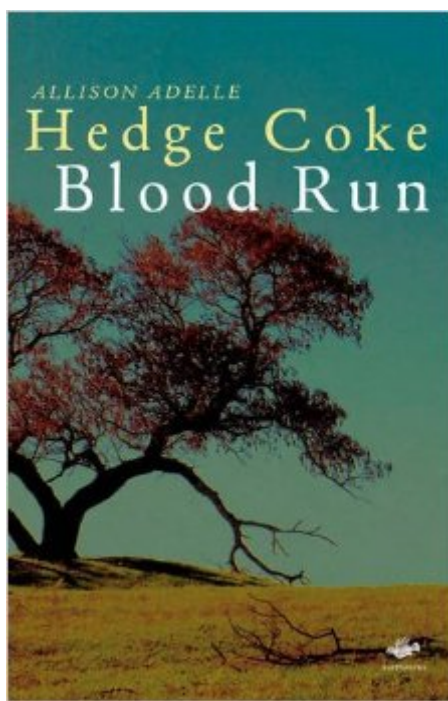


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## Blood Run (Earthworks)



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This volume testifies to the need to protect the remarkable ruins of the Indigenous North American city of Blood Run and the sacred remains she guards there in mounded tombs. The persona poems herein emanate its character embraced in architectural accomplishment designed in accordance with the sun and moon and multitudes of stars above.

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Allison Hedge Coke bills this book of poetry as a "Verse Play," and I can imagine more than one way performers could stage this spectacle. But even if you read it straight off the page, as most people will, this book is an insightful, touching, and humbling experience. Blood Run is a place, a city older than the range of human memory, a beating heart of Native American heritage in this country. And it's been looted and destroyed by white people who think anything Indian and old is fair game. Pieces of it are in museums, private collections, and textbooks worldwide, all without permission of the ancestral owners. Bits of Blood Run pop up on eBay from time to time, that's how desacralized it is. And the land has been broken by plows, home builders, and farmers until it is scarcely recognizable anymore. Hedge Coke gives voice to the voiceless in this book. The land, the relics, the ancestors who built this city and cared for it until they had to see it destroyed in front of them -- all of them speak in this book. Those who destroyed Blood Run, whether from malice or simple blindness, are given a chance to answer. And in creating this dialogue, she creates a deft and enjoyable synthesis of various English-language poetic traditions with the sonorous communality of

Native American orality. The voices sing out to one another with an abandon they were never allowed in the real world. At one point, one of the burial mounds reminds us, "I, dwell sculpted/loved, by a People of Creation/Wise men, blessed children, mothers of stars/sleep in perpetuum, the seat of my mass.

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