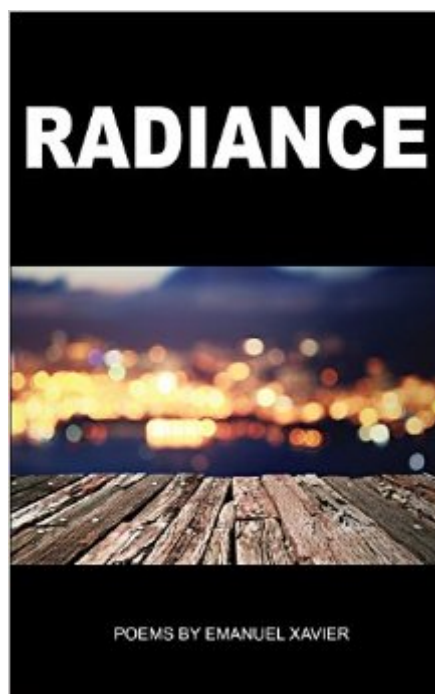


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This little poetry book is radiant. There is fear and pain and sorrow and hope. There is wishing for life to have been different, and gratitude for what life has given. What else is there to say? This book of poetry contains the honest and beautiful heart of Emanuel Xavier... "one of the first openly gay Nuyorican poets, a long time gay rights activist, AIDS activist and homeless youth advocate." [quote pulled from author bio]This is a heart worth knowing.

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