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Marjorie Agosn : Of Earth and Sea: A Chilean Memoir (Camino del Sol) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Of Earth and Sea: A Chilean Memoir (Camino del Sol):

The Chilean coup d'tat of 1973 was a watershed event in the history of Chile. It was also a defining moment in the life of writer Marjorie Agosn. This collection of prose vignettes and free verse draws upon her experiences as a child in

Chile, an expatriate abroad, and a minority Jew even in the land she calls home to create a striking portrait of a life of exile. The tone of the book varies as it lyrically explores the geography of Chile and weaves into it the themes of exile and oppression. At times the words become hymns to the physical beauty of her country, evoking the grandeur of this land extending to the southernmost tip of the world. At times they are intimate and melancholy, exploring personal and familial history through miniature portraits that reveal the pain of being different. Finally the tone becomes angry as she denounces the injustices committed against her friends and against the families of the disappeared during the seventeen-year dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. Combining themes of memory, childhood, minority issues, Judaism, and political oppression, this collection contains some of Agosin's strongest work. *Of Earth and Sea* is a poetic autobiography that explores the world of Chile with eyes that see both despair and hope.