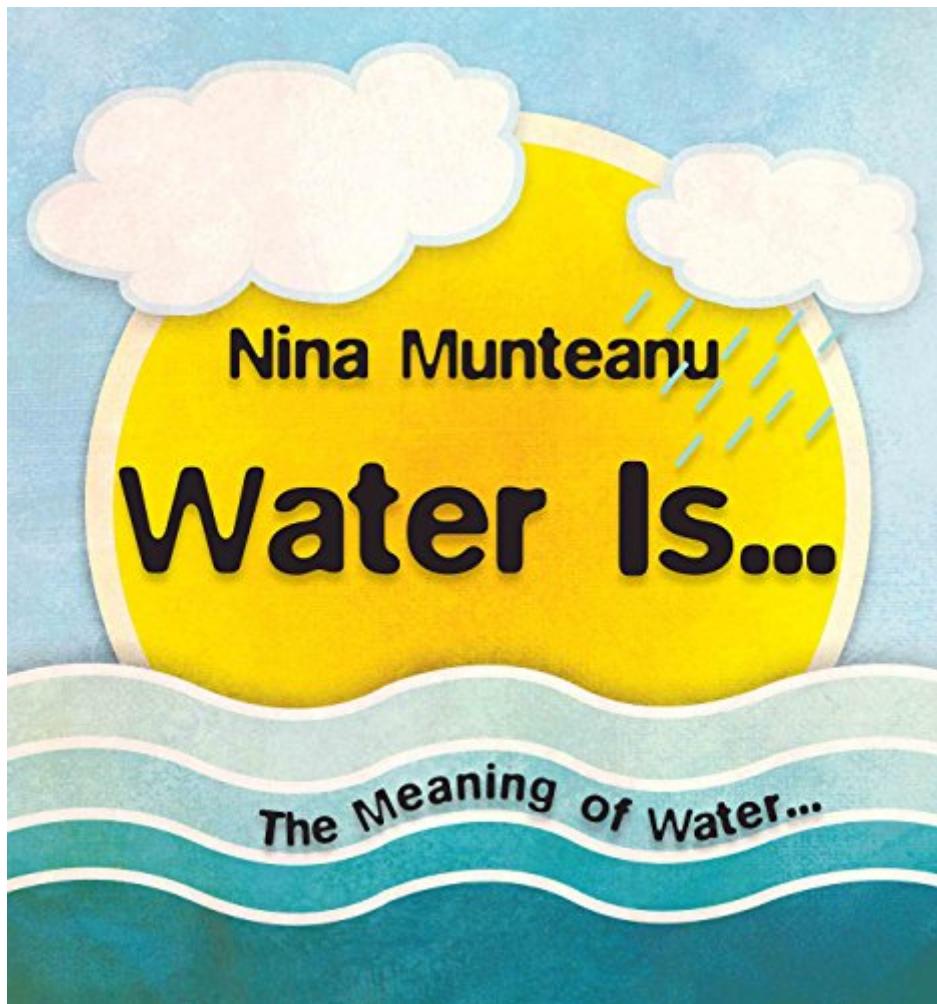


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This elegantly written homage to water will surprise, educate and, hopefully, inspire us all to make better conscious choices about our use of this essential planetary asset. Author Nina Munteanu's careful examination of this integral life element weaves through the physical, spiritual, and philosophical as she deftly reveals its impact upon us as well as our own troubling influences upon the water with which we've been gifted. This book will give the reader a greater sense of the integral nature of water and an understanding that its influence extends far beyond its mere presence or absence.

I found the author's personal stories and memories mixed with the science of water to be

refreshing. This helps the reader to connect on a more personal level with the science presented. The use of photos, drawings and diagrams provides additional clarity to the information provided. The short story format allows the reader to absorb the information of each section before moving on. As a sailor on both fresh and salt water in BC and Ontario Canada I have appreciation for water. Water is much more complex than two molecules of hydrogen and one oxygen!

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I took Nina Munteanu's "Water Is ..." on a journey, an unexpectedly exciting and unusual one. The more I read the book, the more I began to take note of the very presence of water and its impact on the environment around me. Several years ago I sat in on a talk about water, not so much because I wanted to, but rather as a polite gesture. The speaker's arrival was scheduled to begin in minutes, but the seats were empty. The seats slowly began to fill and suddenly the questions began to emanate from my lips. I discovered that my interest in anything "water" began to grow from that day forth. At that point in time, now many years ago, my interest concerned our precious aquifer. The commercialized water companies in another state has tapped into one so heavily that the reservoirs began to fall. The speaker assured me that our aquifer was indeed safe from this phenomenon as we were sitting on a bountiful one. "What, I asked, "would prevent a company from setting up shop in a neighboring state and draining it?" A look of surprise came over his face, obviously a scenario he hadn't envisioned. One of the topics that Munteanu touches on is the fact that the bottling of water makes water a commodity. "Must we pay for something precious that has been gifted to us all by the universe? This one short sentence was certainly a thought-provoking one, but I digress here because it was something that has always boggled my mind. Munteanu is a limnologist and it's certainly a thought that was on hers. Early on in the book she explains what a limnologist is and does. As a scientist she's interested in every facet of water, yet as a soulful individual encourages us to "read these pages equally with your soul and heart as with your mind." Yes, there's a lot of science in this book for those individuals who have a passion for it, but it's also a place where one can tap into New Age thought and spirituality. I found the book to be eminently readable, whether I was reading about science or the spiritual aspects of water and our universe. I was mesmerized when I read about van

Gogh and the fact that he himself had somehow tapped into the mathematical truth of turbulent flow in Nature. My mind drifted off to think about van Gogh's painting, *Starry Night*, and his purported madness. Perhaps he was an individual who was much more in touch with the truths of the universe than we thought. And then there are the science parts, equally fascinating to me. There was the Gaia Hypothesis, one in which James Lovelock and Lynn Margulis hypothesized that living organisms actively [modify] their environment to keep the Earth habitable. And then Munteanu brings up the Universe in Taoism, as if to balance out and support the Gaia. At every turn I found more to think about, things that began to alter my perception of the water world around me. I looked down at the the Atlantic, the patterns left by receding tides, the rains coming down, and yes, bottled water. It was as if I were reading a novel ... the journey was that good! Munteanu explains the meaning of water, both in scientific and spiritual terms, in this fun, fascinating book. It's a perfect blend of both, making this into one of the most interesting books I've read in some time. There are numerous black and white photographs as well as line drawings interspersed throughout the book, photographs that revived many in my own water memory bank. There are excellent references listed at the end of each chapter, references that budding limnologists (or anyone for that matter) will find of great use. In the back of the book is a very comprehensive index, something I always appreciate. The audience for Munteanu's book will be wide and varied, but anyone interested in the basics of life will love it for water is ... eternal. This book courtesy of the author.

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