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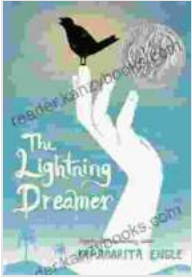


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Juan Francisco Manzano was born into slavery in Havana, Cuba, in 1797. His father was a slave and his mother was a free woman of color. Manzano was a precocious child, and he quickly showed a talent for poetry.

As a teenager, Manzano was sold to a wealthy slaveholder named Domingo del Monte. Del Monte was a patron of the arts, and he encouraged Manzano to develop his poetic talents. In 1821, Manzano published his first book of poetry, *Poesías Líricas* (Lyrical Poems).

Manzano's poetry was both beautiful and controversial. He wrote about the horrors of slavery, and he called for the abolition of this brutal institution. His poetry was widely read and admired, and it helped to raise awareness of the plight of slaves in Cuba.

In 1834, Manzano was granted his freedom. He continued to write poetry, and he became a prominent figure in the abolitionist movement. He traveled to Europe and the United States, where he spoke out against slavery.

Manzano died in Havana in 1854. He was 57 years old. His poetry continues to be read and admired today, and he is considered one of the

most important figures in Cuban history.

## **The Lightning Dreamer**

The Lightning Dreamer is a biography of Juan Francisco Manzano by the Cuban writer Miguel Barnet. The book was first published in Spanish in 1983, and it was translated into English in 1990.

The Lightning Dreamer is a powerful and moving account of Manzano's life and work. Barnet draws on a wealth of historical sources to create a vivid portrait of Manzano's world. He also provides insightful analysis of Manzano's poetry, and he shows how Manzano's work was influenced by the political and social events of his time.

The Lightning Dreamer is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of slavery, abolitionism, or Cuban literature. It is a powerful and inspiring story of a man who fought against all odds to achieve his dreams.

Juan Francisco Manzano was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to fighting against slavery. He was a talented poet and a passionate abolitionist, and his work helped to raise awareness of the plight of slaves in Cuba.

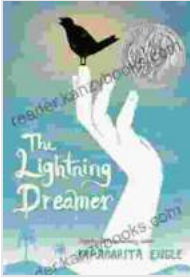
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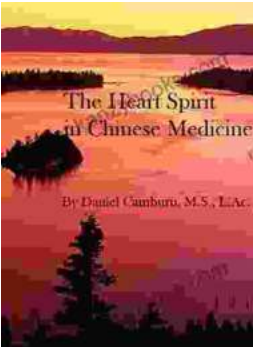
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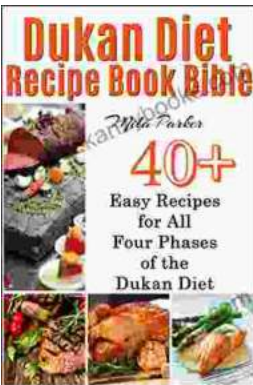


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