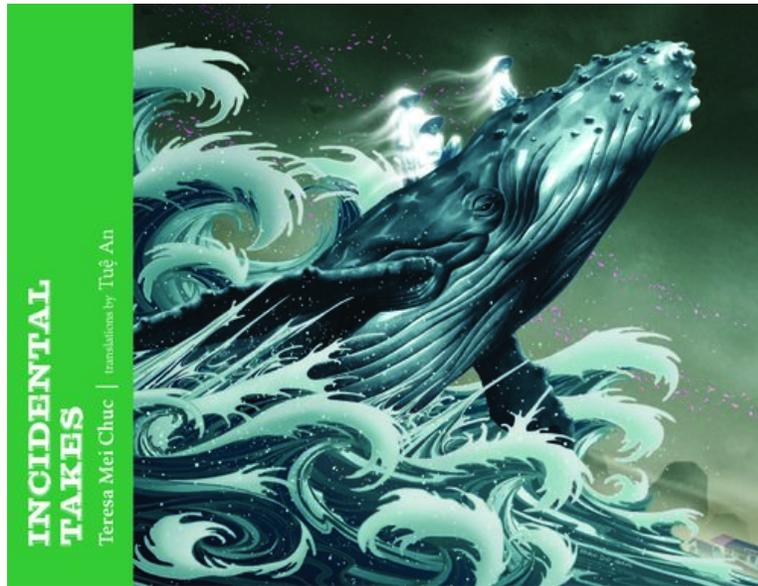


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INCIDENTAL TAKES by Teresa Mei Chuc  
Vietnamese translations by Tuệ An  
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The poems in ***Incidental Takes*** by Teresa Mei Chuc are personal and visceral; human and political; haunting and healing. The ebb and flow of the poems in English and Vietnamese translations mimic the movement of water and the interleaving of the poems mimic the oceanic ecosystem. In *Incidental Takes* is the tension/connection between our ancestors both human and cetacean.

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"Teresa Mei Chuc has put together a remarkably powerful book woven together with an eye for detail and an ear for jolting juxtapositions. Her sense of wonder and her deep empathy with the natural world manifest themselves through the plight of the whale, for example. It is almost as if the spaces between poems are vast tracts of ocean water and the brilliant words rising up are breaching whales. The poems call to us: "Pay attention!" Here is a poet who can use the power of words to speak for the natural world.

In addition, as a veteran and as a member of Veterans For Peace, I greatly appreciate Teresa's willingness to expose the devastating role that U.S. militarism has played in the destruction of yet another species -- the whale..... Here are poems that speak for all of us who are not willing to let the natural world fall victim to those who are turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to the real dangers of environmental extinction.

Teresa Mei Chuc's poetic gifts are truly those that move beyond the page and into the world of our children and grandchildren. We are blessed to be in her presence. Her poems resonate with truth and beauty. We would be wise to heed their calling."

—Doug Rawlings, Poet, Vietnam War Veteran & Co-founding member of Veterans for Peace