

Aspects of Nature Review:

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“The final book from Inanna Publications is **Rhoda Rabinowitz Green’s** *Aspects of Nature*, a collection of short stories ranging from 1993 to the present in their publications dates. Of the first three stories centring on music, the third one, *Finding Maryan*,” focuses on Maryan Filar, a musician who came to Philadelphia in the 1950s; the young girl who studied with him recounts the taut dramatic story. “This is his story then, one he has kept dormant for half a century, memories too sickening to awaken,” she observes. “It is a story of courage, wit, fear and faith; love and loss survival and triumph, a plague of endurance most of us can’t imagine.” Many of the remaining stories concern the process of aging, of growing old and facing death. For example, in “What’s Going on Here Anyway?” Leon sits beside his dying wife and observes the final moments of her life. In “Shayndeleh,” Jeanne lives in a seniors’ home, and as she looks back in time, she recalls her own life, which was once full of family, friends, and neighbours but is now reduced to one shared room. *Aspects of Nature* is a most interesting and dramatic collection, and Inanna Publication deserves a strong readership.”