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A TRILLION TINY AWAKENINGS
Candy Royalle
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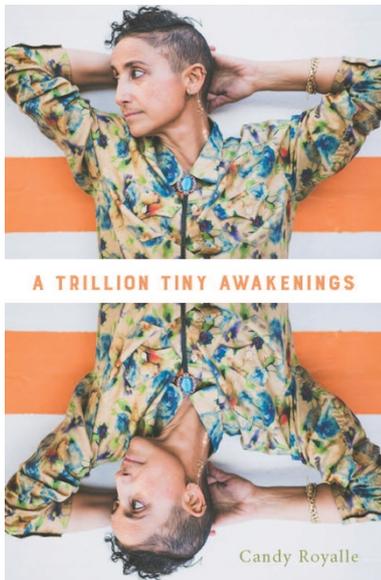
Candy Royalle was a spoken word poet par excellence, presenting her words and ideas with dynamism and passion. In a short 37 years of life she made a profound impact on readers and audiences. Her recent death unleashed sorrow and love from her fans. Candy's anticipation of the release of this book makes all of us regretful that it didn't come earlier so that she could enjoy the publication.

A trillion tiny awakenings is uncompromisingly direct in its language and set of interests about the world and the politics that impact every aspect of our lives. These poems also carry love. Candy Royalle invokes tenderness and care in this startling new book.

Candy Royalle was one of Australia's most prominent performing writers. She was a multi-award winning storyteller, activist, educator, singer and vulnerability advocate who shared confronting, political, human and heart-wrenching narratives to audiences all over Australia and the world. She performed at many folk, music, writers and arts festivals globally. Her work and opinion pieces have been featured in *Fairfax, The Guardian, Overland Literary Journal Online, SBS, ABC, Runway, Art Almanac* and many other outlets.

Praise for *A trillion tiny awakenings*

Here are poems of passion, of the body, of skin, flesh and love, sacred and profane. Of houses, the ocean, loss and loneliness. There is the long lamentation Ancestral Homage, a celebration of her Palestinian heritage that sings off the page as sonorously as Candy used to recite it. The poet revels in her queer community, the sensual and natural worlds; most confrontingly she faces death. Love in all its bitterness, destruction, exultation and wonder shines through. - *FIONA MCGREGOR*

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