

CARRIE NEWCOMER

the point of arrival

Quotes about The Point of Arrival

In her nineteenth album, *The Point of Arrival*, Carrie Newcomer leads us, again, to that tender, resilient well where the most intimate truth-telling reveals the gifts we all carry but seldom find until stopped by the touch of song and poetry. These songs are sung by a wise heart and played by a masterful musician. *The Point of Arrival* will open your heart, affirming the truth that the enduring depth of where we are is where we are going.

—Mark Nepo, (author of *The Book of Awakening* and *The Way Under the Way*)

Good thing Carrie Newcomer's new album "The Point of Arrival" was the very first thing I listened to, from pre-dawn through dawn, on the first day of the new year...there could be no better opening to a fresh chapter. Carrie sings comfort, wisdom, openhearted attention, her exquisite voice of perfect clarity making mysteries feel more tangible, approachable. I love how she can take a familiar line - a mantra motto - and render it utterly alive by turning it inside and out with melodious care - then going somewhere else. These wondrous songs will place you back, more intact, inside your own body and mind.

Naomi Shihab Nye, (author of *The Words Under the Words & Honeybee*)

Carrie Newcomer's music has been part of my life for decades. I await each album and savor each song. *Point of Arrival* is as close to a perfect collection of songs as one gets in this life, with songs that move from insightful to meditative to joyful to comforting to humorous to breathtaking. "I didn't plan to live in these troubled times," she writes, and these songs will help all of us who feel the same way to make it through (by going in). "On the Brink of Everything" is one of the best songs you'll hear this decade. It begins with a wood thrush and ends by bringing you to the brink. The musical style is folk/country and the arrangements and musicianship are pitch perfect. If you're already a fan, this will be one of your favorites, and if you're not, now is the time. - **Brian D. McLaren, (author, speaker, activist)**

In this extraordinary collection of new songs (her 19th album), Carrie Newcomer traces the journey of a life—hers, mine, yours, ours—from a place of “not-knowing” to the “point of arrival.” It’s a promising and perilous journey on which all of us must find our own way. But if we’re lucky, we will be graced with companions who understand the road’s demands and rewards, and encourage us to walk on. Newcomer’s lyrics, music, and voice embody the paradox I need to stay the course: they are deeply rooted in the earthiness of life, and yet transcendent and transparent in a way that fills me with light. This is music to put ground under your feet and lift under your wings, a precious gift from one well-lived life to others.

Parker J. Palmer (author of *On the Brink of Everything, Healing the Heart of Democracy, and Let Your Life Speak*)

