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Submission Dates: June 16, 2025 - August 30, 2025.

Submission Guidelines: Open to anyone, except past winners. No entry fee. Interested authors need to submit by postal mail or email in a (PDF), 30 to 50 original poems, any style, any form, any length and no more than three pictures if you want to have pictures in your book. Previously published poems and simultaneous submissions accepted. No previously published books accepted. The manuscript should have a title and a table of contents page with all pages included in your book (the introduction page, dedication page, foreword, thank you page, blank pages, etc, if you have them) and be in the order you want your poems to appear in your book.

Poems submitted for this award should exhibit a realness, a creative authentic voice. One that empowers and challenges the author and challenges life: the way people think and the way people feel. Poems should be strong in language but easy to understand. They should be thought-provoking, powerful, and purposeful. They should have the ability to "get in your face" and also "get into your heart." The poems should be bold, unapologetic but respectful, simple yet sophisticated, vulnerable yet victorious. Ultimately, your poems should be the link that connects the readers soul to yours. (No hate speech!)

1 Author Statement: This will be the reason why you entered your manuscript for publication.

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Send the printed copy of your manuscript, author statement and references to:

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Title of Your Book:

What is your book about?

How long have you been writing poetry?

What inspires you to write?

What will it mean to you if your book is chosen for publication?



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What is your relationship to the author?

How long have you known the author?

What impact has the author and the author's work had on you?

What will it mean to the author to have their book published?

