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#### Author Bios

#### Ipsita Banerjee

Ipsita is a mother and a lawyer practicing in the High Court at Calcutta, India. She also writes poetry which have been featured in journals and literary magazines in India and abroad. She has two self-published books to her credit and one published by ATLA publishing, in the UK. One of Ipsita's poems has won a place in the top 30 poems in the Wingword Poetry Prize 2018 and another has received a commendable mention in the 2019 edition. She lives in Kolkata, India.

#### Maria Berardi

Maria Berardi's poems have appeared online, in print, in university literary journals, meditation magazines, and at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. Her first poetry collection, *Cassandra Gifts*, was published in 2013 by Turkey Buzzard Press. She lives in the Colorado mountains at the altitude of 8,888 feet.

#### Lauren Boisvert

Lauren Boisvert is a poet from Florida. She has had work published online and in print in *spy kids* review, Memoir Mixtapes, The Broken Plate, and elsewhere, as well as work forthcoming in Laurels and Bells.

### Lisa Conway

Lisa Conway is a poet, mother of three children and one dog, and teacher of English. She has been published by *Newtown Literary*, *great weather for MEDIA* and *NYSAI press*. Lisa attempts gardening, studying French, practicing yoga and drinking too much coffee in her spare time. She wonders about poetry all of the time.

### William Doreski

William Doreski has published three critical studies and several collections of poetry. His work has appeared in many print and online journals. He has taught at Emerson College, Goddard College, Boston University, and Keene State College. His most recent book is *Stirring the Soup*. Find him online at williamdoreski.blogspot.com.

### Megan Finkel

Megan Finkel (she/her) is a queer poet living in New York City. She is a student of Comparative Literature and Russian Language and currently an intern at Hanging Loose Press. Megan writes on topics such as the body, sex and love, spiritualism, and identity.

#### H.R. Gibs

H. R. Gibs, also known as Hannah Gibson, is a writer and student based between Dublin and Belfast. Rarely staying put for long, she looks forward to the day she makes a pot of tea and remembers to drink it before it goes cold. She can be found on Twitter <a href="mailto:ohercula">ohercula</a>.

#### Julian Grant

Julian Grant is an animator, an educator, and author of strange and unique short stories plus full-length novels/ non-fiction texts and comics. A tenured Associate Professor at Columbia College Chicago, his work is enjoyed worldwide. Find out more about him at <a href="https://www.juliangrant.com">www.juliangrant.com</a>.

### Jessa J. Grave

Jessa J. Grave is a Canadian author with a focus on neurodivergence and stories from those in the LGBTQ+ Community. She's been previously published in *Open Minds Quarterly* and writes with the goal of making other people feel seen and understood.

### John Grey

John Grey is an Australian poet, US resident. Recently published in *Soundings East, Dalhousie Review* and *Connecticut River Review* with work upcoming in *West Trade Review, Willard and Maple* and the *MacGuffin*.

## Coleen Higgins

Coleen began writing poems as a freshman in college, and eight years later, decided it was time to share some with the world. After graduating with an English degree in 2015, Coleen has worked in retail, as a proofreader at a translation company, and sold flowers at a Renaissance Faire. She is currently based in New York's Hudson Valley, gaining some much desired farming and freelancing experience. You can find her on Twitter @iellwenn.

### Darius Janczewski

Dariusz Janczewski was born in Poland and emigrated to the United States in 1984. He has undergraduate degrees from Ashland University and University of Cincinnati . Dariusz is a freelance writer, photographer, and graphic designer living and working in Missoula, Montana. He shares his life with his wife Katie.

### Tish Josephine

Tish Josephine is a writer, filmmaker and artist living in London. Her work has been featured in *Stone of Madness Press, Ellipsis Zine, The Remnant Archive* and more. She enjoys people watching, making sculptures, and watching Nicholas Cage movies. You can find her on Twitter <u>@Tisha\_Josephine</u> and Instagram <u>@tishjosephin</u>.

### John Kaprielian

John Kaprielian has been writing poetry for over 35 years. A nature photographer and photo editor by occupation, he brings his keen eye for natural history to many of his poems, often inspired by his observations. He studied creative writing at Cornell with the poet A.R. Ammons while getting his degree in Russian linguistics. He has been published in *Minute Magazine, The Blue Nib, Young Ravens Literary Review, Poetry Quarterly, What Rough Beast,* and the *New Verse News*, and has a poetry collection available through Amazon. He lives in New York, with his wife, teen son, and assorted pets.

## Craig Kittner

Craig Kittner was born in Canton, Ohio in 1968 and took up residence in Wilmington, North Carolina in 2012. Between those two events, he lived in 14 different towns in 8 states and the District of Columbia. He has worked as a gallery director, magazine writer, restaurant owner, and blackjack dealer. Recent publications include *Shot Glass Journal, Right Hand Pointing, Dead Mule School of Southern Literature*, and *Bones.* He currently serves as contest director for the North Carolina Poetry Society. Craig is fond of birds, cats, and rain . . . but rarely writes of cats.

#### Laurence Levy-Atkinson

Laurence Levy-Atkinson is a writer and poet based in Melbourne, Australia. His work can be found in many places, including: *Southerly, Australian Poetry Journal, Poetica Magazine*, and *Inklette*. He has been featured in the *Spineless Wonders* 'emerging writers' series and was shortlisted for the 2018 Anna Davidson Rosenberg Poetry Award.

### Joseph Marsh

Joseph Marsh is an emerging writer with a degree in English and Creative Writing at the University of Lincoln. He's been published in *Stone of Madness Press, Ghost Heart Literary Journal, Honey Magazine* and several other publications. His interests include history, particularly surrounding the LGBT community, and tabletop wargaming. He's a Senior Fiction Editor for the literary journal *The Lincoln Review*.

### Iqra Naseem

Iqra Naseem is a young British-Pakistani poet who is currently studying her A-Levels and writes in her free time. Her work regularly features themes such as loss, identity, femininity and familial life, while tackling mental health and what it means to be a young person in today's society. Her work is forthcoming in *HEBE Poetry Magazine* and she can be found posting on Instagram <a href="magazine"><u>@theindigopoet</u></a>.

#### C.G. Nelson

C.G. Nelson has been an avid reader of poetry since she was thirteen years old. Her first loves were Emily Dickinson and Edgar Allan Poe. C.G. Nelson is a new poet. She went to the University of Washington, where she graduated with a degree in English and Philosophy. Find her on Twitter <u>@CGNelsonwrites</u>.

#### Laura Owens

Laura Owens currently resides in Oxfordshire, UK. She is a 3D animator and an avid gamer trying her hand at poetry. Her words and visual art have appeared in various print and online publications, including *Kalopsia Lit, Ayaskala & Dreams Walking*. Say hi on <u>Twitter/Instagram@laurabethowens</u>.

## Tyler Pufpaff

Author of A Quarter Life. Tyler's work has appeared or is forthcoming in Torrid Literature Journal, Havik, Coraddi, perhappened, Emerge Literary Journal, The Daily Drunk Mag, Poke and has been anthologized in Poetry Diversified 2019.

#### Diana Raab

Diana Raab, PhD, is an award-winning memoirist, poet, blogger, speaker, and author of 10 books and is a contributor to numerous journals and anthologies. Raab's two memoirs are *Regina's Closet:* Finding My Grandmother's Secret Journal and Healing With Words: A Writer's Cancer Journey.

She blogs for *Psychology Today, Thrive Global, Sixty and Me, Good Men Project*, and *Wisdom Daily* and is a frequent guest blogger for various other sites.

Her two latest books are, Writing for Bliss: A Seven-Step Plan for Telling Your Story and Transforming Your Life and Writing for Bliss: A Companion Journal.

#### Rime Riabi

Rime is from Paris and holds a Masters in History.

### Elena Rielinger

Elena Rielinger is an emerging writer currently living in Virginia. Recently, her work has appeared in *perhappened mag* and she is forthcoming in *Moonchild Magazine* and *streetcake magazine*. Her website is <u>elenarielinger.wordpress.com</u> and she can be found on Twitter <u>@elena\_rielinger</u> and Instagram <u>@elenarielinger</u>.

#### Leonie Rowland

Leonie lives in Manchester and has an MA in Gothic Literature. Her writing has been published by BlueHouse Journal, Ad Hoc Fiction, Reflex Press, The Cabinet of Heed, Dreich and Horrified. She also has work forthcoming from Emerge Literary Journal, TSS Publishing, Walled Women and TunaFish Journal. You can find her on Twitter @leonie\_rowland or visit her website at www.leonierowland.com.

# Yash Seyedbagheri

Yash Seyedbagheri is a graduate of Colorado State University's MFA program in fiction. His story, "Soon," was nominated for a Pushcart. Yash has also had work nominated for Best of the Net and The Best Small Fictions. A native of Idaho, Yash's work is forthcoming or has been published in *West Ward Quarterly, Café Lit*, and *Ariel Chart*, among others.

#### Danielle Sherman

Danielle Sherman is a high school senior from Scottsdale, Arizona who loves painting, playing soccer, and of course writing. Her work has appeared in *Blue Marble Review* and *Whose Ghost Magazine*, among other publications, and has been recognized by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She is also an Editor-in-Chief of *Polyphony Lit* as well as her school's literary magazine *Helios*.

#### Vamika Sinha

Vamika Sinha is a writer, editor, photographer, and magazine journalist currently based in the UAE. She holds a B.A. Hons. in Literature & Creative Writing from NYU Abu Dhabi. Vamika is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of *Postscript Magazine*. Her work has been published in *The Independent*, *Affinity Magazine*, and *KGB Bar Literary Journal*, among others.

#### Archana Sridhar

Archana Sridhar is an Indian-American poet and university administrator living in Toronto, Canada. Archana focuses on themes of meditation, race, motherhood, and diaspora in her poetry and flash writing. Her work has been featured in *The Puritan, The Hellebore, Jellyfish Review,* and elsewhere. Her chapbook "Renderings" is forthcoming with 845 Press, and her piece "Rechargeable Moons" was recently selected for the Best Microfiction 2020 anthology. Her work can be found at <a href="https://www.archanasridhar.com">www.archanasridhar.com</a>.

## Dale Stromberg

Dale Stromberg grew up not far from Sacramento before moving to Tokyo, where he had a brief music career. Now he lives near Kuala Lumpur and makes his living as an editor and translator. His work has been published here and there.

### Jim Zola

Jim Zola is a poet and photographer living in North Carolina.