



## AubPoem Newsletter

# Your Opinion, Please

Hi Friend

I guess what I am seeking is confirmation. That I'm not just deluding myself. That what I write is not just garbage, senseless marks thrown upon a page. Yes, I get great editorial reviews from people who have their MAs and English degrees. People who claim they know literature still mostly consider me an oddity. My writing is different, I am told. Which makes me wonder if what I write is any good, or if I'm just a monkey on their shelf.

What do I think of what I write? I can barely remember the poetry writing lessons I had in grade school. I've taken refresher courses many times over the years and forgotten the names of specific terms, the rhyme types, line counts, and meter beats. Sorry, I can't remember a single lesson. I do know what I like. What my mind hears and what sounds good to me. If it sounds good to me, that is what I strive to write. Is that poetry? I leave that up to you.

Please let me know what you think. Obviously, you read my stuff, or you wouldn't be here. You can let me know by leaving a review on Amazon to help me out. This is not a plea for 5-star reviews. No, I am seeking honest reviews. Whether you liked what you read or didn't.

What type of poem/story/song of mine did you like or want more of? What type did you wish less of? To make it easier for you, I've included links on my website to all my books. [Review page](#). Please use that link and pick the book link you would like to leave a review for. It should take you to the correct Amazon review page for you to leave your comment. Thank you.

## Equipment Use

Now to the fun stuff. I mentioned before that I am producing audiobooks, and I thought you may like to know what I did to do so. Well, first off, I signed on to ACX. A site that helps you produce audio books for Audible and Apple audio books. Then I experimented with some equipment until I got it right. I won't tell you all the equipment I've bought over these few months. But I will tell you what I'm using in my current setup.

I bought the M-Audio USB-C audio interface, XLR condenser microphone, and studio headphones for recording. I've since changed out the microphone for a Rode NT1 signature series condenser microphone with an SM6 shock mount and pop filter. Likewise, I may change the headphones too.

A portable recording XL sound booth. It looks awkward, but it's like having a private room for recording. It works for me since I'm the only one in the house, and I have it set up, believe it or not in my living room. (If Kathy were still alive, well, I guess I wouldn't have need of it in the first place).

I bought adjustable bungee cords to hang lights off.

Speaking of lights, I picked up a 2-pack of dimmable, shatterproof & waterproof camping lights with USB plugs and an Acer USB 4-port hub to use to plug them in. I use a USB-to-electric plug adapter so that I won't have to use my computer's port.

Speaking of computers, I also bought an inexpensive Acer Aspire 8-core AMD Ryzen 7 processor, 32 GB RAM, 1 TB SSD to use for

recording.

Furthermore, I picked up a Geekria for Creators microphone arm mount, table flange adapter, suspension stand, mic scissor arm, and desk mount holder to hold the microphone close to my mouth.

And lastly, a Joey'Z 6-inch clip-on fan to keep the booth cool.

All this equipment I bought on Amazon.

As always, I invested more than I will ever get back (I guess this is an expensive hobby of mine.) Oh, and if you are interested in how they sound, keep an eye out for my audio books on Audible or Amazon.

## Please Don't Forget

I tried promoting this in the last newsletter, but I endorsed the wrong book. I said, "Hello Stranger" (which, if you didn't know about that book, consider it promoted). What I meant was "Wind Swimming." So, please don't forget I have this new book out called Wind Swimming, the last book in the inside the circle of the Sun series.

Here is the link to Caught Up on Past Newsletters that you missed. Save this link: [Newsletter Archive](#). Remember, this link is just for you, AubPoem Newsletter member. Please don't share it with anyone.

Use this link to view all my books available in the '[Inside the Circle of the Sun](#)' series on Amazon.

To all of you who have read any of my books. I would greatly appreciate it if you would leave a review of what you thought about it/them (I should be so lucky) on Amazon. To make it easier, here is a link to all the book links to do so. [Review page](#).

Just a reminder: if you have friends who enjoy my work, please direct them to my website so that they may subscribe to this newsletter and also receive in the process 'Nothing' as a free book. 😊

That's all, folks, and as always,

Thank you

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