



A Sense of Accomplishment

Hi Friend

Well, suffice it to say I didn't know what I was getting myself into when I decided to screw the publishing professionals and take on the entire process myself. Let's just say the writing portion of the book-making process is a breeze compared to the other parts. Or maybe because I had to educate myself on the other processes. After all, writing is something I have always done.

All I know is this process was like (not saying I ever did) wrestling with a bear. (Although I did wrestle once with a man-sized bear, who was almost one hundred and fifty pounds over my weight, it went just about the way you'd expect it). But that's a different story.

First off, it's not like I'm new to this Microsoft world. I've been a Microsoft-certified system administrator professional for 30 years or so. And among the many certifications I earned over the years is my Microsoft Office Specialist cert. So you would think I could just fly through anything I need to do with the MS Word application. Not so, as it turns out.

Learning the differences between insert page breaks and layout breaks, and my favorite (not so) odd page section breaks and next page section breaks. Getting everything to work with headers and

footers. Adding pagination. And did I mention the easy part: setting page size and margins? And I still haven't mentioned determining font styles and just plain fonts for titles and paragraphs.

Anyway, I am proud to say I worked my way through it, over and over again. You don't want to know how many times I thought things were fixed and working well only to discover they were broken again.

Just in case you didn't know, I didn't write this editorial to complain. No, this is me celebrating. I did it! I completed my new book, Underwear Hat, and will hopefully have it available for you to purchase sometime this month.

Meanwhile, I have another poem for you.

In-Between

Am I free?

Or

Am I not?

Or

Is this

In-between?

Sometimes free

Sometimes not

I feel I'm

In-between

The time I go

The where I go

The can I go

Day or night

It doesn't matter

If I'm right

You say I'm always

Wrong

You call this free?

Not by me

I call this

In-between

In Between was written about how I felt living up north. In the supposedly freer parts of the states during the Jim Crow years. I found out it was worse than living down south. Lest in the south you knew what living was about, up north they kept you guessing.

Bonus Poem:

Ashes

Ashes

Ashes

I have your ashes

In a jar

I can't touch you

can't feel you

can't hold or kiss you

as you are

I tried singing to you

Tried talking to you

Tried bringing you in

Our car

But

It's not you

Not really you
It's just a silly ash
Filled jar

As a widow, I don't feel the need to explain this poem.

Have you had similar experiences? Or maybe you haven't. Drop me a note about how you feel about these poems at adrummond@aubpoem.com. Thank you.

And just in case you didn't get enough of me, here's a link to sample some poetry from my first book. ["Boy, Kant You Read!"](#)

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