



## AubPoem Newsletter

### Doing It My Way

Hi Friend

Alright, this has been an eventful month. Not in a good way. Or maybe it has, depending on your perspective. Let's just say I've learned a lot. (Or is it I had to learn a lot?)

As you may know, I had promised to publish my latest book, **Welcome Darkness**, by the end of December. Didn't happen. January, that didn't happen either. And it looked like it wouldn't get done in February either. I don't know what happened; I've had no problems with KDP up until my book, **Wind Swimming**. It came out a month later than I wanted.

To make a long story short. I hate stress. I'm an old man, and the last thing I need to deal with in life, or what little that may be left to me, is people who can't get things right. So, to get my book out. I quit KDP. Fixed what I wanted to be corrected. And published the eBook and paperback by myself. (If you want something done right, do it yourself). Can you believe it took me under half an hour to correct the mistakes I had been asking to be corrected for months? Buuurph! Okay, getting it out of my system. (That was supposed to be a shaking-the-head sound, not me passing air).

I have decided to take control of more of the aspects of publishing. I'm going to be using Barnes & Noble to print my eBooks and paperbacks for now. Not only that, but I am checking out D2D, maybe for distribution. Furthermore, I've hired an editor from Upwork and a cover designer from Fiverr. Now, if anything goes wrong in the publishing process, I will have more control and only myself to blame.

On a lighter note. This means I'm going wide. Which means my books won't just be available on Amazon. Ideally, I'd like to get them available on all the major retailers. Apple Books, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, and Google Play. (I'll see how far I get with that).

So, how was your month? You can leave comments at my email address below.

By the way, how do you feel about a 200- or 300-page poetry book anyway? I know I had previously said that I would keep my books short. A half hour to forty-five minutes read. But as you know, at least I think I relayed this information last month, my next book, **Underwear Hat**, will be over 250 pages. Now it looks like more like 350 pages. How do you feel about that? Is it too much? Should I stick to under 100 poems per book? Please let me know?

Thanks to those who picked up their free copies of **Blackbird** and **Welcome Darkness**. If you haven't already, please leave a review on Amazon. It would help me out tremendously. Here is a link to make it easier for you to do so. <https://www.aubpoem.com/addreview/>

### **Free Stuff Department:**

**How Hot It Be in Hell** will be available for free on Amazon from March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Don't forget to pick up your copy.

**Wind Swimming** is still a part of a 60-day Literary Fiction Surge Giveaway hosted by Bargain Booksy until the end of the month.

### **Audio Books Department:**

All my **Inside the Circle of the Sun** books are now available in audiobook format. [Use this link](#) to gain access to the series.

### **Just the Usual Department:**

Here is the link to Caught Up on the Past Newsletters that you might have 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 would more than appreciate it) on Amazon. To make it easier, here is a link to all the book links to do so. [Leave A Review](#).

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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