



# Literary and Visual Arts Unlimited

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## NEWSLETTER

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Published Books and Art Available for Purchase: <http://lvau.com>  
(Please see the opposite page).

Short Stories Available (49¢ each) at: Amazon Shorts

Art Available for Purchase at: <http://artwanted.com/japrile>

I am of the unwavering conviction that human destiny on this planet can be positively influenced by striving for knowledge, peace, understanding, love and social justice.

**Joe's Comments and Observations <http://lvau.blogspot.com>**

**Announcement:** A New Book is now available: *The Human Equation* - a collection of original short stories. It can be purchased at Lulu.com in paperback or as a download (\$5.00). Please preview and/or purchase at my website: <http://lvau.com/about.html>. A video of a reading from this book can also be seen on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kn84zBS03nU>.

**Quotes - Bertrand Russell (Power, London and New York, 1938):**

“As the beliefs and habits which have upheld traditional power decay, it gradually gives way either to power based upon some new belief, or to ‘naked’ power i.e. to the kind that involves no acquiescence on the part of the subject. Such is the power of the butcher over the sheep, of an invading army over a vanquished nation, and of the police over detected conspirators.”

### JOE'S READINGS/EVENTS

[Reading from The Human Equation](#)

Friday Nov 4, 4:00 pm

Green Lake Branch Seattle Public Library,  
7364 E Greenlake Dr. N.

### PROGRESSIVE BOOK CORNER

[The Wrecking Crew](#)– Thomas Frank, Henry Holt and Company, 2008

[Unequal Democracy](#) –Larry M. Bartels, Princeton, 2008

# Published Works

## Awakening from a Distant Dream:

This is a story about Laura. Laura was born with a sensitive spirit. As an adolescent, she is plagued by feelings of uncertainty and confusion about her relationship with her family and friends, but, most importantly, her personal identity and place in the social order of things. As events unfold, circumstances propel her into situations where she is forced to make some momentous decisions that will help her eventually come to terms with her own nature. Laura ultimately discovers her true calling in life and the artist she was destined to be. This singular existence illustrates the challenges that shape the depth and unique character of the self.

## The Surprising Latitude of Fate:

*The Surprising Latitude of Fate* is a novel that follows the life of an Italian immigrant (Carmelo Visconti) as he attempts to navigate his way through the intricacies of the American culture. He is catapulted from village life in a small town on the Adriatic to the frenetic pace and lifestyle that comes with living in New York. His innate sense of adventure together with his burgeoning loneliness leads him on a path that he would come to regret. Carmelo is exposed to the darker elements of his psyche that he was previously unaware of, especially his more violent nature. The inevitable consequences of his behavior bring him to a precipice that could result in his destruction. It is essentially the story of personal redemption.

## At the Fringes of Experience:

This collection of novellas deals with the larger issues of the human condition. Bronx Memories represents the author's own personal journey as a young boy. Nathaniel Hastings is a kind of modern day odyssey, in which the protagonist navigates through life from very bizarre beginnings. The stories, Bradley Stimpson and Marie, The Strange Diaries of Jeremy Flood and Benjamin's Magic Bullet take place in some future time and explore various aspects of contemporary human society. Lastly, No Time for Retribution is a work that examines the modern world as seen through the eyes of a person dealing with madness.

## America and the Mythology of Greatness:

This well researched book examines the myths about America and its moral position in the world. The myths enumerated include the myth of equal justice and the myth of America as the so-called "world policeman." The premise of this work is that a belief in these myths distorts the truth and impedes real social progress. Alternatives are suggested that are more in keeping with a truly free and democratic society.

## Impaled on Time's Illustrious Arrow:

This collection of poetry ( over 150 poems) covers a wide range of thoughts, reflections and experience. Poetry to me is a succinct medium through which the many layers, and often elusive, textures of emotions can best be expressed.

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## The Human Equation:

This collection of short stories (335 pages) encompasses a wide range of genres including literary, fantasy, science fiction, mystery and humor. This work is available at Lulu.com (<http://stores.lulu.com/japrile>) and can ordered both as a paperback and as a download for as little as \$5.00.

## Short Stories (Amazon Shorts 49 cents@)

- Where the Buffaloes Roam
- A Birth in Denver
- Dust from the Rings of Saturn
- Manhattan
- That Damnable String Theory
- Memories of Summers in the Bronx
- The Final Departure of Wallace Notingate
- Why Peace?
- The Minefield of Modern Parenting

*The above titles can be easily purchased on-line: <http://lvau.com>*