



# Literary and Visual Arts Unlimited

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## NEWSLETTER

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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>

"Each individual represents a new and as of yet untested combination of genetic information. If human kind manages to avert a catastrophic collapse of the biosphere, there is possibly some five billion years left in the solar lifetime for the species to evolve. Who can say where this evolution might lead."

**Quotes** - Henry David Thoreau (July 1817 - May 1862) From his essay entitled, *Resistance to Civil Government*: "...But, to speak practically and as a citizen, unlike those who call themselves no-government men, I ask for, not at once no government, but at once a better government. Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it."

### JOE'S READINGS/EVENTS

#### Prose/Poetry Reading

Sunday March 25, 6:30- 8:00 pm  
Readings from *Impaled on Time's Illustrious Arrow*  
(Anthology of Poetry) &  
*The Surprising Latitude of Fate* (Novel)  
C&P Coffee Company - 5612 California Avenue SW

#### Art Show

April 11—May 12  
Providence Mount St. Vincent's  
4831 35th Ave SW 98126

### PROGRESSIVE BOOK CORNER

Hostile Takeover - David Sirota, Crown

The Great Risk Shift - Jacob S. Hacker, Oxford

Armed Madhouse - Greg Palast, Dutton

The Audacity of Hope - Barack Obama, Crown

## **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 anthology of short stories 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 anthology 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.

### **The Illusive Quality of Existence:**

This anthology of poetry ( some 200 poems) is an anthology of more recent work and includes what the author refers to as picture poems, i.e. poems that include color images from original art and photographs. Soon to be available at the website shown below.

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