



# 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.

**Comments and Observations <http://lvau.blogspot.com>** The tone of the current presidency speaks with such unflinching harshness that it is unlikely that this nation will disembark from its militaristic course any time soon. The current absurd notion that we do not speak to our alleged enemies, but only to our allies leaves no room for the compromise that assuredly comes from dialogue with those we oppose. The idea that the path to victory is the total annihilation of our enemies leaves us as a people with much more to be afraid of, since such an approach will create many more adversaries than it can ever hope to vanquish. Such a path will bring the world nothing but grief.

If human kind is ever to break free from the insidious siren call of empire: its meteoric rise and inevitable fall, we must refute needless violence and put the resources that are wasted on militarism to good and constructive use.

### READINGS/EVENTS

Prose Reading: Newberry Books - 561 NE Ravenna Blvd (65th and Ravenna) Saturday - Nov. 11, 4:00 PM

Arts and Crafts Fair: Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center - Friday Dec. 1 - 9:30-3:00 - I will be selling books, framed and matted art and photo cards.

Prose/Poetry Reading - Gig Harbor Karate Academy— 6820 Kimball Drive Suite D - Dec. 9- 2:00-4:00

Prose/Poetry Reading - Square One Books - Jan 13

### PROGRESSIVE BOOK CORNER

Making Globalization Work - Joseph E. Stiglitz - Norton Press, 2006

Blood Money -T. Christian Miller -Little, Brown and Company, 2006

Great War for Civilization: The Conquest of the Middle East - Robert Fisk -Harper Collins, 2005

## **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:**

The United States, with its wealth of natural resources, expansive frontiers and diverse populations, has always been endowed with great potential. The possibilities inherent in the American nation are being squandered, however, by the arrogance of power. Those in power regard the free and vital political expression of the vast majority of people as a threat to their authority. Any real movement for a change in the political, social and economic order is seen as a threat to the status quo. The members of Congress have themselves been corrupted by both power and the corporate interests that they have become dependent upon.

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.

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