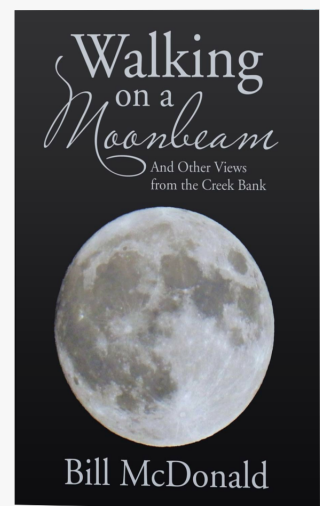


SELF-DISCOVERY, INTROSPECTION, AND PERSONAL GROWTH TAKE CENTER STAGE IN THE MAPLE STAPLE SHELF'S LATEST SELECTION

In a quest to ignite change and enlightenment, five storytellers endeavor to share their pearls of wisdom through eloquent poetry and vivid prose

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, May 15, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Boarding a lifelong voyage of self-discovery and self-improvement presents a thrilling yet daunting journey. To guide and inspire fellow travelers on this path, writers Bill McDonald, Jean Abernathy-Smith, Karl Hicken, Vicky-Lyn Ashby, and Shirley A. Howard warmly share their wisdom and encouragement. Through their poignant writings, they offer deep reflections and inspiring ideas that connect with the myriad aspects of human experience, uplifting readers' quests for growth and fulfillment.



Walking on a Moonbeam: And Other Views from the Creek Bank

Emerging from his captivating odyssey through the cosmos, esteemed engineer and scientist Bill McDonald ventures into the enchanting realm of literature with his debut poetry collection, "Walking on a Moonbeam: And Other Views from the Creek Bank." These captivating verses ponder his diverse experiences and his multifaceted pursuits in U.S. space and national defense initiatives.

Crafted with passion and dedication, this poetry anthology reflects McDonald's refined poetic skill, honed through years of scientific and artistic exploration. Structured into nine thematic categories—youth, adventure, love, seasons, change, hope, places and things, farewells, and prayer—each poem captures a genuine and heartfelt essence, stirring up emotions of longing, curiosity, and self-reflection. From the purity of childhood to the intricacies of love, and from the

boundless expanse of space to the deeply personal realm of prayer, Bill McDonald's verses effortlessly explore the full spectrum of human emotion and experience. "Walking on a Moonbeam: And Other Views from the Creek Bank" appeals to the audience with its beautifully crafted prose and vibrant descriptions, capturing the hearts of both poetry lovers and those fascinated by the wonders of space.

Capturing the essence of life's cherished moments, Jean Abernathy-Smith immortalizes them through the intricate tapestry of her literary creation, "Poetic Memories of a Lifetime." With a wealth of poetic exploration spanning more than four decades, this collection showcases over 50 heartfelt poems that offer a peek into Abernathy-Smith's personal odyssey, delving into her family dynamics, life encounters, and treasured friendships.

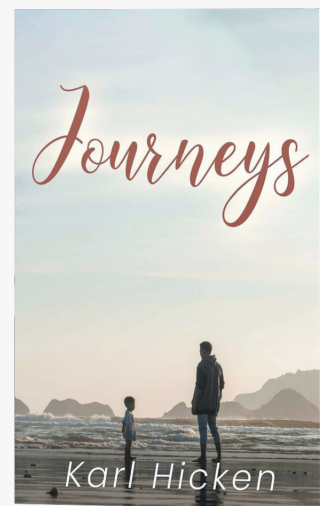
With over forty-five years of writing experience, Jean Abernathy-Smith has a long list of achievements to her name. She has been featured in prestigious publications such as "Who's Who among Professionals" and the first edition of Who's Who in Black Cleveland Magazine. Despite her initial skepticism about the publication of her poetry, she now unveils a remarkable collection that reveals her personal reflections for the world to witness.

Every poem in this mesmerizing collection captures the essence of love, desire, and admiration, serving as a sincere homage to the people who have profoundly influenced her existence. In "Poetic Memories of a Lifetime," she weaves a captivating narrative that beautifully portrays the depth of human emotions and the strength of the human spirit.

Traversing the labyrinthine corridors of life, author Karl Hicken escorts readers through a rich mosaic of poignant recollections and bittersweet encounters in his newest poetry compilation, "Journeys." In this captivating collection, Hicken masterfully titles each thought-provoking poem



Poetic Memories of a Lifetime



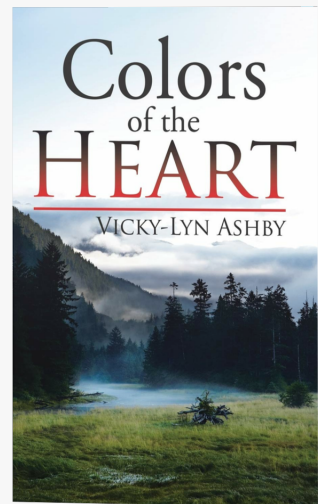
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with the word "Journey" after a number, taking the audience on an intriguing exploration of the depths of the human experience.

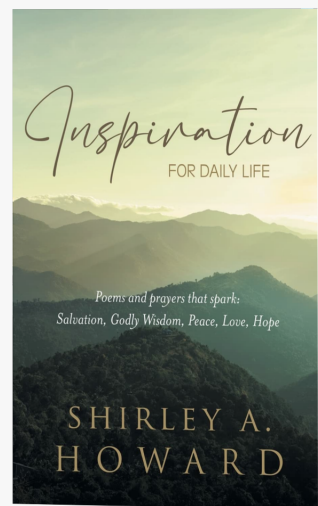
Through vivid and evocative verses, Hicken masterfully captures life's ephemeral moments, painting a rich and nuanced portrait of the human experience. At the heart of his literary work, he presents a riveting portrayal of the passage from youth to adulthood—a transformative experience filled with challenges, triumphs, and profound personal growth. His poems explore the mysterious world of childhood, where nighttime fears haunt schoolyards, locker rooms, and the safety of home. However, within these lingering memories, a more gentle and sentimental side emerges as the author fondly recalls his grandparents and pays tribute to the unwavering strength of his parents. Through "Journeys," Karl Hicken hopes to ignite a wide range of emotions, prompting reflection and connection with the universal journey of life.

Gazing through the kaleidoscope of human emotion, Vicky-Lyn Ashby sets out on a deep exploration of love, heartache, and the kaleidoscope of emotions that define the human experience in her newest poetry collection, "Colors of the Heart." With a collection of over 100 heartfelt poems, Ashby takes readers on an intimate probe of intense sentiments and affections, delving into the intricacies of love, pain, and strength.

With her unparalleled command of language, Ashby artfully intertwines words to elicit sensations in her audience. Every poem in her collection captures the wide range of emotions that stir in the human heart, beckoning individuals to take part in an emotive and thought-provoking journey of self-discovery. The verses in Ashby's collection are arranged alphabetically and accompanied by captivating black and white photographs. These verses predominantly



Colors of the Heart



Inspiration for Daily Life: Poems and prayers that spark: Salvation, Godly Wisdom, Peace, Love, Hope

rhyme and have a rhythmic structure that brings them to life with raw emotion. In "Colors of the Heart," Vicky-Lyn Ashby's poetry weaves a captivating tapestry that celebrates the boundless beauty of love in its many forms, delivering a powerful reminder of how emotional expression can deeply impact the human experience.

Concluding this poetic sojourn with a step towards spiritual growth and enlightenment, Shirley A. Howard introduces her latest offering, "Inspiration for Daily Life: Poems and Prayers that Ignite Salvation, Godly Wisdom, Peace, Love, and Hope." Brimming with genuine verses, heartfelt prayers, and empowering insights, this spiritually enriching collection serves as a guiding light for traversing life's trials with poise and resilience.

Designed to provide daily comfort and motivation, every poem acts as a channel for spiritual blessings, encouraging the audience to embrace the life-changing influence of faith and prayer in their everyday experiences. In addition, the book concludes with insightful words that inspire the exploration of spirituality and the profound aspects of life. These insightful gems serve as guideposts for personal development and spiritual awakening, offering practical advice for gracefully navigating the challenges of life with wisdom and clarity. For those in need of solace during difficult times, guidance amidst confusion, or a daily dose of inspiration, Shirley A. Howard's "Inspiration for Daily Life: Poems and Prayers that Ignite Salvation, Godly Wisdom, Peace, Love, and Hope" provides a treasure trove of spiritual wisdom and insight that resonates with audiences from all walks of life.

Navigate life's turbulent currents with these captivating literary treasures, providing both serenity and guidance amidst the chaos. Through their evocative poetry, compelling stories, and reassuring insights, readers are whisked away to realms of enchantment, inspiration, and comfort. Discover more of these captivating works at [The Maple Staple](#) bookstore or by browsing the [Digital Spotlight Shelf](#). Delve into their complete editions available at The Maple Staple or through leading online book retailers like Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and others across the globe.

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