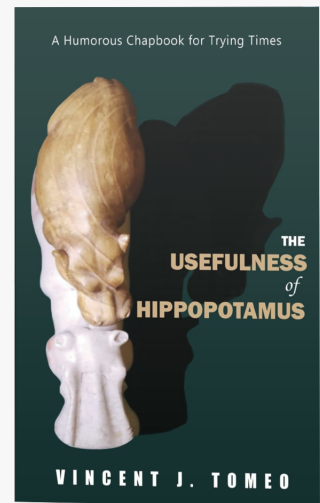


VINCENT J. TOMEO'S TWO DISTINCT WORKS SET TO DELIGHT AND HEAL AT THE L.A. TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS 2025

Celebrating life and human connection through humor and contemplation, Vincent J. Tomeo presents two of his remarkable literary gems

YORBA LINDA, CA, UNITED STATES, April 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Renowned poet and essayist Vincent J. Tomeo is set to appear at the L.A. Times Festival of Books 2025 for a special book signing event featuring his two latest literary offerings: "My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount Saint Mary in Queens, New York" and "The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times." Tomeo's presence invites readers to engage with the creative force behind two strikingly distinct yet equally captivating collections, one infused with humor and levity, the other contemplative and uplifting.



The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times

In "My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount Saint Mary in Queens, New York," Tomeo beckons the audience to wander alongside him through the serene, tree-shaded trails of Mount Saint Mary Cemetery in Queens. However, this is not just any stroll amid the tombstones; rather, it is a dynamic reflection on humanity. The author discovers tales that unify generations, respect lost lives, and celebrate the beauty found in chance encounters through chance meets and introspection. Tomeo transforms a cemetery into a garden of life, memory, and spiritual connection with poetic grace and an extensive feeling of reverence.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, "The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times" offers humor and levity derived from individual fortitude. Crafted amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and Tomeo's personal struggle with bladder cancer, this playful collection embraces humor as a pathway to recovery. Determined not to be

overwhelmed by gloom, the author discovered comfort in the whimsical, delight in clever language, and humor in the peculiarities of daily life—hippopotami and all. This chapbook acts as a delightful remedy for challenging times, showcasing that even in the bleakest moments, a whimsical viewpoint can be uplifting.

These two works beautifully showcase Tomeo's literary mission: to find significance in the everyday, to highlight neglected narratives, and to foster comfort and connection through a blend of thoughtful introspection and lively humor. His words echo with a delightful blend of warmth,

compassion, and a deep sense of timeless humanity, whether they are paying tribute to the quiet whispers of history or reveling in the joy of contemporary life.

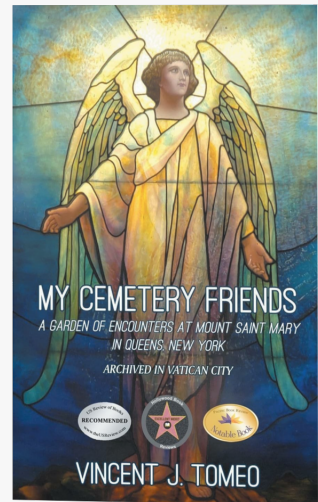
Take off on a voyage of lasting literary exploration with Vincent J. Tomeo's thought-provoking works as he holds his special book signing event on April 26, 2025 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Stop by booth #930 at the Black Zone of University of Southern California to grab the opportunity to meet him and receive signed copies of his acclaimed works. To learn more of this much-awaited literary occasion, visit the official website of the [Los Angeles Times Festival of Books 2025](https://www.latimes.com/festivalofbooks/2025/). To explore the full list of books highlighted by Inks and Bindings, visit <https://inksandbindings.com/latfobbooks2025/>. And for exclusive behind-the-scenes content and author features, be sure to check out the latest issue of their magazine, available at <https://inksandbindings.com/latfob-magazine>.

Alternatively, secure copies of "My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount Saint Mary in Queens, New York" and "The Usefulness of Hippopotamus: A Humorous Chapbook for Trying Times" by Vincent J. Tomeo on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other major online book depositories. Available in digital, paperback, and hardcover formats today!

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