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The Hounds of Love



The Hounds of Love is a collection of poems that tell a familiar story in an unrestrained free verse form. This is a story of love discovered, love lived, love lost, and love rediscovered. In this story, love has no form, no rules, and no boundaries. It is free and it is loose and it is dogged by all of us, relentlessly. Like a pack of hounds on a hunt, it is a game, with one prize, and one loser.

Love is a big subject to explore. Writers and artists of all types have been driven by its mystery, thrill, and madness for many millennia. It is the author's hope that the reader will find some entertainment or healing value in this small story.

ABOUT THE BOOK

The poems in this collection span a period of 27 years of writing and 43 years of life. After a near-fatal car accident, the author was compelled to assemble and share these poems in a story. Each poem looks at love in a different emotional light. There is no deep hidden meaning in this story nor are there any solutions to love's troubles, only an echo of the profound affect of love on humanity. The poems collectively tell a story in a free verse form through the personal experience & voice of the author.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mark Allen Gray, holds a Master of Science degree in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. Since childhood, Mark has been an avid student of literature and enjoys writing, in particular, capturing and condensing life events and emotions into poems. Mark's style draws on the creative, logical, and technical elements of computer science in his professional life and blends them with the raw emotional events and experiences of his personal life within a social and political framework that nurtures freedom. Mark's major literary and poetic influences include Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Jack Kerouac, Jim Morrison, and Charles Baudelaire.

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PEER REVIEWS

Mark Allen Gray is an important new voice in the poetry genre. His book, The Hounds of Love, captured my interest from the first poem to the last. The raw emotion evinced in his narrative is at times painful, yet always truthful, for lost love is a universal hurt. On the flip side, his sensitive, gentle portrayal of love found gives hope to us all that goodness will ultimately prevail. A searing, insightful read. – Vivan Copeland, Published Novelist and Librarian

Overall, I like the authenticity of the poetry; it seems to come from real experiences and the feelings that they evoke. This is the foundation to all really good poetry. The best poems are those that are concrete. In particular, "Where is the Love?" and "She Left Me" have images that a reader can grab onto and rhythms that get into the "body" of the reader—not just the mind. – Dr. Brad Hollingshead, Associate Professor of Humanities, Medaille College

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK

What Women Want

I've been looking at this movie title,
Sitting on my shelf for weeks,
What Women Want,
And I've been thinking of the answer.

The answer is that there is no answer.
Every woman is completely unique,
Like a snowflake,
Each unique.

Each can be beautiful and cold as ice,
At the same time.
Yet melt in your hand,
And quench a thirst,
And warm a heart.

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