

EDITOR

It's really fun to work with you. You have been so devoted to this book. You have done an amazing job, and you have *always* been there for me. I am really enjoying our partnership.

—*Life/Business Coach, Speaker, and Author, Vancouver, Canada*

I am very impressed by your ability to catch inconsistencies in a 144-page book. You make me look even better.

—*Graphic Designer, Arvada, CO*

You are impeccable. Thank you for your stellar efforts on the book.

—*Art Book Publisher, Durango, CO*

Thanks so much for rushing this turnaround. I am very fortunate to have your contribution to making our writing shine.

—*Railroad Industry Entrepreneur, Philadelphia, PA*

EDUCATOR

School residencies:

I truly love your manner with the students. I particularly admire the way you help them find ways to not settle for the easy response, but to look inside to connect to something meaningful. I'll miss your wonderful, focused, creative teaching.

I love what you do with the kids, but more than that, you make me want to sit down and write as well. You "push" them in the nicest way possible. They can read your body language and know that you are on their side. You make them feel like they can do it and that they are successful when they try. You make them feel like they have something to say and that everyone wants to hear it. You make them feel like writers, like poets.

Adult workshops:

You help everyone in the classroom become a star, and you radiate such light and inspire creativity. You do that with your mind, your heart, and your skill at reaching into people's lives and pulling out the good earth in them.

Everything is poetry now, and everything sings, thanks to you. Thank you so much for the magical day.

I cannot begin to tell you how very much I enjoyed the poetry challenges, your ability to work with poets who are in different places in their lives and writings, and your extraordinary talent for being a teacher.

I learn so much in your class. I love listening to you read poetry, and you never fail to inspire me to write poems that I didn't know I had within me.

Thank you for expressive face and hands, daring words, ripe insight. For leading me to look into art with more love and patience, and so to look into myself.

POET/WRITER

Your poems come out of a real place of grind and chop, and flow and halt and go, of a living heart in true engagement with inner and outer things.

There's a little "aah" that slips out of the rapt audience when you nail what they thought they thought—though really it was your thought, presented perfectly, and so understandably that it hits them like a memory instead of the gift of your idea.

Your work! Just beautiful, wonderful, smart, without being...well, smart. Deeply original.

You weave beautiful stories into your poems. They are centered and honest and graceful. I can't thank you enough for bringing poetry, simply poetry.

It is rare that I am left as speechless and moved as I was. Thank you for going there and rendering.

Your poetry turns me on. It's soul stuff.

I love the way you tether yourself to an idea and then untether, orbit, return.

Your poetry has a certitude of interiority about it that could only come from someone who has done some homework, who has crossed some internal bridges.

I know there are more apt words and better expressions, but "wow" is what kept going through my mind over and over again. You completely blew me away . . .

Your recitation gave me chills.

Your marvelous use of words is something anyone can appreciate by reading your poetry. But your wonderful reading of those words...ah, that is truly sublime.