

"Cause For Concern Able Muse Award For Poetry: Exploring the Future of Contemporary Verse"

When it comes to the power of words, poetry has always been at the forefront of our cultural heritage, capturing the essence of human emotions and experiences. It allows us to express and explore the intricacies of life, unveiling profound insights and resonating with our deepest thoughts. The Able Muse Award for Poetry is an exceptional platform that celebrates contemporary verse and provides a unique space for aspiring poets to express their voices, while highlighting the importance of powerful storytelling and inspiring creativity within the literary world.

Discovering the Able Muse Award

The Able Muse Award is a highly prestigious accolade presented annually by the renowned literary and arts journal, Able Muse. This distinguished recognition aims to honor excellence in contemporary poetry and nurture a community of talented poets dedicated to pushing the boundaries of verse.

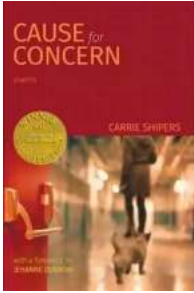
As a vital part of the Able Muse's mission to support and showcase exceptional poetry, the Able Muse Award serves as a testament to the power of language and its ability to captivate readers, provoke emotions, and inspire change. The award not only celebrates accomplished poets but also encourages emerging talents to pursue their passion fearlessly.

Cause for Concern (Able Muse Book Award for Poetry)

by Nicola Aliani (Kindle Edition)

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A Platform for Inspiration and Innovation

The Able Muse Award grants poets the opportunity to have their work reviewed by a distinguished panel of judges, composed of esteemed poets and literary professionals. This process ensures that winning submissions are meticulously chosen based on their artistic merit, originality, and ability to connect with readers on a meaningful level.

The award goes beyond merely celebrating established poets, as it actively seeks new voices that have the potential to reshape the poetic landscape. By promoting inclusivity and diversity, the Able Muse Award ensures that fresh perspectives and unique voices are given the chance to shine, bringing forth a new era of contemporary poetry.

Championing Poetry of Substance

In an era where social media dominates our attention spans and quick online reads are preferred, the Able Muse Award reminds us of the enduring significance of engaging and thought-provoking poetry. It recognizes that true poetry doesn't merely rely on catchy phrases or surface-level emotions but delves deep into the complexities of the human experience, challenging readers to see the world through a different lens.

The selected poems not only showcase masterful techniques but also tackle important social issues, ignite conversations, and shed light on the complexities of our world. By honoring poems that tackle themes such as love, loss, identity, social justice, and environmental concerns, the Able Muse Award demonstrates its commitment to poetry that stirs the soul and fuels positive change.

Bridging the Gap Between Tradition and Innovation

The Able Muse Award recognizes the significance of tradition in poetry while embracing the need for innovation and experimentation. It aims to honor the time-honored craftsmanship of established poets while empowering emerging talents to explore uncharted territories and challenge the conventions of contemporary verse.

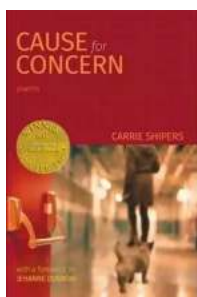
By maintaining a delicate balance between traditional forms and avant-garde techniques, the Able Muse Award propels the evolution of poetry. It encourages poets to break free from the shackles of conformity and venture into unexplored realms, breathing new life into an ancient art form and ensuring its relevance for generations to come.

Celebrating the Future of Poetry

The Able Muse Award is not only a celebration of exceptional contemporary poetry; it's an invitation for aspiring poets to embrace their craft, share their stories, and contribute to the rich tapestry of human expression.

With each passing year, the Able Muse Award continues to shape the future of contemporary poetry by uncovering hidden gems, fostering a sense of community among poets, and inspiring a new generation to fall in love with the power of words.

So, whether you're an accomplished poet or a rising talent eager to make your mark, the Able Muse Award for Poetry should undoubtedly be a cause for concern - a cause that fuels your passion, deepens your connection to the poetic realm, and reminds us all of the boundless possibilities of the written word.



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Carrie Shippers's *Cause for Concern* traverses a landscape of assorted disasters—such as overwork and layoffs, the ill-fated explorer, circus mishaps, nuclear disaster and radiation—but at its heart is the personal disaster of spousal illness. While a spouse might avow faith in the sentiment of love in sickness and in health, the practice of such faith might come undone when faced with the reality of the ravages of illness on the stricken body of the beloved, alongside the caregiving mate who “could love/ [her] husband but distrust his body,/ expect betrayal at every turn.” Full of incisive meditations on frailties and fortitude often delivered with visceral honesty, *Cause for Concern* is spellbinding from start to finish and, deservedly, the winner of the 2014 Able Muse Book Award for Poetry.

PRAISE FOR CAUSE FOR CONCERN:

Carrie Shipers's magnificent endeavor aims to control the uncontrollable. In her splendid collection *Cause for Concern* she gives us her spirited poems—subversively satisfying in our era of cool wordplay. Both her comfort with ambiguity and her sassy candor aid the poet as she writes of a wife who is hoodwinked into a necessary patience—one she both chafes from and rebels against after her husband falls seriously ill. In rhythms that alternate between hope and defeat, the poems track the illness, but also punctuate the couple's changed world with quirky observations and a scrappy spirituality. (Not to mention a canine companion.) Her poet's craft, palpable in every arresting line, makes the subtlest turns of vulnerability with enviable poise.

—Molly Peacock, 2014 Able Muse Book Award judge, author of *The Paper Garden*

Only a poet of unquestionable bravery and technical acuity could rehearse the quotidian details of a middle class, middle aged existence with such exquisite, irresistible and terrifying honesty.

—Kwame Dawes, author of *Duppy Conqueror: New and Selected Poems*

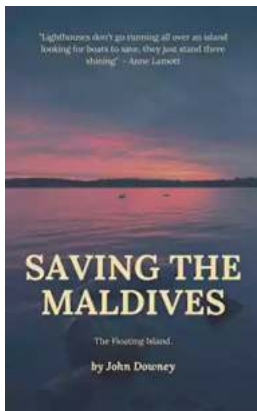
If illness is a country inhospitable to guests, then Carrie Shipers's second poetry collection, *Cause for Concern*, is our guidebook, preparing us for what we will find in the waiting room, by the bedside, in the bathroom, or on the skin when the gauze is lifted. These are naked, open poems. They say things that make us wince, as when we look at an incision still puckered and red. Shipers reminds us that our lives must first be prodded and cauterized, if the injured parts are ever to heal.

—Jehanne Dubrow, author of *The Arranged Marriage*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

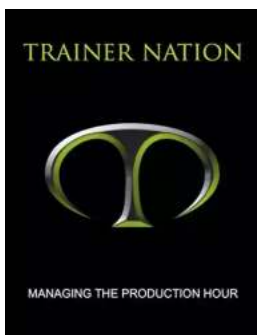
Carrie Shippers's poems have appeared in Alaska Quarterly Review, Crab Orchard Review, Connecticut Review, New England Review, North American Review, and Prairie Schooner, among other journals. She is the author of Ordinary Mourning (ABZ Press, 2010) and the chapbooks Ghost-Writing (Pudding House, 2007) and Rescue Conditions (Slipstream Press, 2008).

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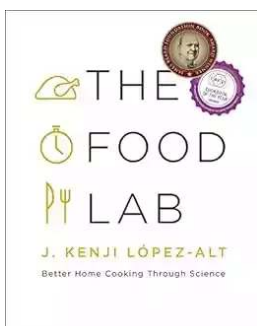
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