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Fort Gratiot, Michigan

Hello fellow poetic artists, it seems as if people will go to the other side of the world to avoid us; that is of course after we have given them our ceative [works](#) & MONEY!
I feel very silly being taken in so easily but, I was going to be published, dream come true.
Now a very unfortunate nightmare.

I have kept all communication including: e-mails, letters, "**Editors Choice Awards**", certified mail stubs(so I know they have recieved them)[check stubs](#). I can even whip out the phone bill to prove that I have definitely called on more than one occasion without a single response nor a dime returned to me.

I was first told in Feb 08 that I was being published, of [course](#) I was thrilled & ordered an "Anthology" straight away. Again in May they sent me notification that I was also indeed choosen for the publication of " The Best Poets & Poetry of 2007" & I should submit a new work right away for that publication.

Well of course I got the "**Editors Choice Awards**" for both poems. But, then strange things started to occur. I was sent an artists proof for the 2nd poem for both Immortal Versus which I was supposedly already being published in & another 1 for the same poem for " The Best" I returned them both. Then on the same day I recieved e-mails saying my original poem that was selected to be published was not choosen, and (the same day & following days) I recived and am still recieving e-mails stating that this work is

scheduled to be published in "Immortal Versus" well, I recieved 2 books that week (they do not look nearly as grand as they are made out to be) and to my intrigue the book was named "Collected Whispers" & my 2nd poem was in it. But, still getting the e-mails that my first poem is being published in the above said "Anthology".

They also said I was a finalist for POET of the YEAR & I am cordially invited to attend a 4 day symposium in Las Vegas at the end of July 08. Well not having these books yet or strange e-mails I put down the \$75.00 deposit. The total cost is approx \$600.00 plus all your travel, [hotel](#), as well as other travel needs. When I wrote the certified letter to Mr. H. Ely (he lie) dated they recieved it on 6/9/08 BTW NOT signed by Mr. Ely even though it was specifically addressed to him, I stated the sums of [money](#) I had payed with the checks from my bak statement.

In the ammount of 172.95 just for the books of which I have recieved 58.00 worth. Also, they still have not refunded my 75.00 deposit for the Las Vegas [mouse trap](#) which I insisted upon immediatedly. The funniest thing about the whole situation is they said I oowe them \$40.00 for the books, what a joke!!!!

Well soon I am happy to say Joke on you Mr. HE LIE Opps H. Ely

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New Madison, Ohio

I entered several poems on poetry.com a then received a letter from Howard Ely, managing editor for International [library](#) of poetry.

He mailed me a certificate for the **Editor's Choice Award**, and authors proof copy of my poem "My Great Mother" for me to look over and sign. Along with a offer to buy the book

Immortal Verses that my poem was going to be published in.

He said that my poem would be on a whole page by it's self and that for \$25.00 I could have my bio on the page next to it. Also, for another \$25.00 I could get a [slip cover](#) personalized with my name in gold. But each item had it's own \$8.00 shipping and handling fee.

So, there's the special authors price for the book of \$49.95 plus \$8.00s&h, then \$25.00 for the bio, plus the \$25.00 for the slip cover plus the \$8.00 s&h fee for that. Then I get a second letter asking could they put the same poem of mine "My Great Mother" on a track of a 3 cd set with 33 other poets. The 3 cd set is called the Sound of Poetry, and each poem gets it own track and is read by a [professional](#) reader.

He also said that I could get a special authors price for this to at \$49.99 plus \$8.00s&h. Also, he offered me a commemorative plaque to present my poetry in a formal fashion, that this is a impressive way to exhibit my [work](#). (His words not mine.)

The price of this plaque was \$39.99 plus \$8.00s&h fee. Well now there is no nothing and i've found out since that the book Immortal verses was to come out in fall 2006. I didn't even enter my poems till august 2007, received the letters the end of september, 2007 and now it's almost november, 2007 and nothing but charges on my [credit card](#), can't get no one to help me, or even get a hold of any one at poetry.com or International library of poetry.

I've called and emailed and anything else i can think of. my credit card company said i had to contact the place of [business](#) before i can even begin to dispute the charges.

Please some one has to help me! Plus all the others they are doing this to. I feel like a BIG FAT FOOL... I know I'm not the only one they have done this to, even if they wasn't as stupid as me to send them credit card info they were still violated for their poems, and work that came [from the heart](#).

These people are playing with peoples hopes, dreams, and feelings...

PLEASE HELP US???

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Hertfordshire., Other

I entered a competition with this group, recieved the email like people are saying happened to them. They also told me, I was entered as a **semi-finalist** and my poem would go on to be in the finals. I have never done this before, so I was unsuspecting of any rip off.

So i read the email, was overjoyed and thought, wow something good is happening to me. I couldn'tbelieve it. For me even to get that far was enough. So I sent an email to Mr H Ely, saying how overjoyed I was and everything and then it ocured to me. Why would they think I was so great. The [money](#) was alot for the books, then you had to pay for a poets profile if you wanted.

I was lucky enough that the little voice in my head said somethings up, go do a search and see what comes up and I find all these reports on these so called people. I havent been through all the reports or the rebutals, but its funny how just one person and they are from maryland themselves has good things to say, but not really anyone else.

I'm greatful for this site, without I would have been \$130 out off pocket and that was just for books and profile plus [delivery](#). I don't think I want to even take that chance now, to try and send the money and see what happens. I have no money to spare, I'm a single mother thats trying to get my way through each day. How can they do this to people, its discusting. I do believe in karma, i hope they'll get what they deserve. If there is anyway I can help or anyone has surgestions on how I can help, or real sites that I can try, please let me know.

Thanks to all of you for reporting these scum. Lets pray they are stopped soon.

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