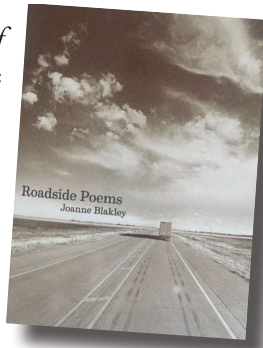


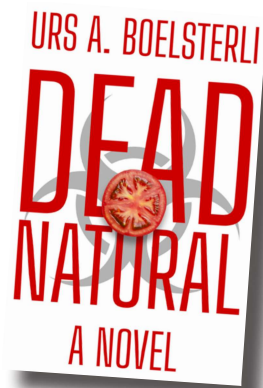
# Celebrations!

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*Roadside Poems, a Traveler's Book of Poems* by **Joanne Blakley** takes the reader to the open road and shares her love of discovery. With each verse, Joanne masterfully weaves together vivid imagery, profound insights, and a deep connection to the land and its people. A must read for all those with a “hobo-heart” and a love for travel.



**Urs A. Boelsterli** is delighted to announce the publication of his mystery novel, *Dead Natural*, an RPLA Silver Award winner. The book is a vivid portrayal of a struggling scientist who wants to unravel the secrets behind a series of mysterious poisonings that terrifies a southwest Florida town. It's a suspenseful story about passion and trust, greed and skullduggery, exploring the innate curiosity and creative power of our minds, but also the dark side of human nature. *Dead Natural* is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other online bookstores, or directly from Atmosphere Press.



Poet **Shutta Crum** received two honorable mentions in the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation Poetry Prize for 2024. The prize, judged this year by poet Sun Yung Shin, awarded one first place and four honorable mentions. It was noted that 2024 is the first time that a poet has had two winning poems in one year. To read her poems and find out more about Robinson Jeffers and the contest: [torhouse.org/prize](http://torhouse.org/prize). Shutta also publishes *The Wordsmith's Playground*, a monthly newsletter for writers of poetry, fiction, and children's books. To subscribe: [shutta.com](http://shutta.com).

**Lynda R. Edwards** shines brightly in the realm of Caribbean literature. With *Redemption Songs* and *Friendship Estate*, she crafts narratives that captivate and enlighten readers about Jamaican life's intricate tapestry. Her storytelling prowess delves into the Jamaican people's complexities while fostering a profound connection to the island's vibrant heritage. Lynda remains a beacon of authenticity in Caribbean literature as her star continues to rise. Her masterful storytelling ensures that the voices and stories of the Jamaican people resonate globally. Her contributions are instrumental in preserving and promoting Jamaica's rich heritage, solidifying her position as a luminary in the literary world.



Veterinarian Gabe Sanders moves to southern Wyoming for a fresh start, away from the memories of the fire that nearly killed him. But when he begins to see Raven Tower of Hightower Ranch, things get complicated. A grizzly bear has escaped from a private farm. The deranged woman arsonist is still in a Dallas mental institution, obsessed with taking him down however she can. Threats to Gabe and Raven escalate. Will he be able to protect himself and the new life he's built? Filled with suspenseful twists and turns, **Judith Luke's** *Obsession* will keep you turning the pages until the very end.

