

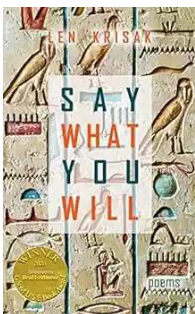
Say What You Will: Able Muse Award For Poetry!

Calling all poetry enthusiasts! Do you have a way with words that can make hearts flutter or minds ponder? Are you ready to make your mark in the world of poetry? Look no further, because the Able Muse Award for Poetry is here to catapult your literary career to new heights!

With its prestigious reputation and impressive track record, the Able Muse Award is a beacon of hope for aspiring poets and established wordsmiths alike. This acclaimed award, presented by Able Muse Press, is not only a platform to showcase your poetic genius but also an opportunity to gain recognition from the literary community.

The Inspiration Behind the Award

Founded by Alexander Pepple, the editor of the revered literary and arts journal **Able Muse**, this award was created with the aim of promoting and encouraging exceptional talent in poetry. Pepple himself is an accomplished poet, essayist, translator, and an advocate for the finer nuances of well-crafted verse. His passion for poetry led him to establish the Able Muse Award, recognizing poetry that embodies excellence in both form and content.



Say What You Will (Able Muse Book Award for Poetry)

by Len Krisak (Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

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The Able Muse Award for Poetry holds the belief that outstanding poetry transcends not only boundaries of genre and style but also geographical borders. It seeks to attract submissions from gifted poets from all corners of the world, bringing diverse voices and perspectives to the forefront of contemporary literature.

The Award Categories

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is presented in two prestigious categories, namely the "Able Muse Book Award" and the "Able Muse Write Prize."

The Able Muse Book Award

The Able Muse Book Award focuses on recognizing and publishing full-length collections of poetry. This award acts as a launchpad for emerging poets, giving them the chance to showcase their work in the form of a comprehensive, cohesive collection. The winning manuscript is published by Able Muse Press—a dream come true for any poet looking to make their mark on the literary stage.

The Able Muse Write Award

The Able Muse Write Prize is an exciting opportunity for individual poems to shine. This award puts the spotlight on exceptional standalone poems, hoping to bring attention to their remarkable beauty and insight. The top

three winners in this category receive cash prizes, publication in the Able Muse anthology, and a subscription to the revered Able Muse journal.

The Judging Panel

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is truly a yardstick for greatness, thanks to its esteemed panel of judges. Each year, a carefully selected group of accomplished poets and literary enthusiasts are invited to evaluate the submissions and bestow the award upon the most deserving works.

Past judges have included eminent names such as Charles Martin, Rhina P. Espallat, Peter Champion, Timothy Steele, X.J. Kennedy, and many more. The breadth and depth of expertise possessed by these judges ensure a fair and meticulous evaluation process that results in the recognition of poetry that truly stands out.

A Legacy of Excellence

Over the years, the Able Muse Award for Poetry has become synonymous with exceptional quality and literary brilliance. The award winners, both past and present, continue to make significant contributions to the world of poetry and literature.

Past winners include renowned poets such as Kim Bridgford, Scott Ruescher, James Matthew Wilson, Catherine Chandler, and David Mason. These poets have not only received critical acclaim for their winning works but have also gone on to build remarkable careers, enriching the landscape of contemporary poetry.

How to Submit Your Poetry

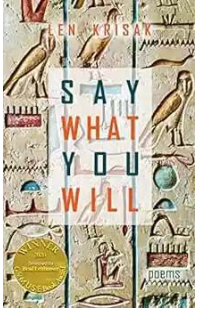
If you are ready to take the plunge and submit your poetry to the Able Muse Award, here's what you need to know:

1. Visit the Able Muse Press website and navigate to the Able Muse Award page.
2. Read the submission guidelines carefully. Pay attention to the deadline, formatting requirements, and eligibility criteria.
3. Ensure your manuscript or poem follows the specified guidelines.
4. Prepare a compelling cover letter and author biography.
5. Submit your work using the designated submission form or email address.
6. Wait patiently for the results, knowing that your work will be thoughtfully evaluated by the judging panel.

Remember, the path to success in the world of poetry may not always be smooth, but it is through awards like the Able Muse Award that talented poets can rise above the noise and find their voice. So, say what you will, and let your poetic talent shine!

The Able Muse Award for Poetry is more than just an accolade. It is a platform for poets to carve their place in literary history, gain recognition from their peers, and inspire others with their artistry. With its commitment to nurturing exceptional talent, this award is an invaluable opportunity for poets to elevate their craft and make an indelible mark on the world of poetry.

So, what are you waiting for? Rummage through your mind, pour your heart onto paper, and submit your poetic masterpiece to the Able Muse Award for Poetry. The world is waiting to hear your voice.



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In exquisitely crafted poems, Len Krisak's *Say What You Will* muses on a wide range of topics, in present-day and historic settings and relevance: ancient Tiberius, modern-day Halloween, cinema icons, and famous artwork, to name a few. Also included are accomplished translations that bring alive the meaning, feeling, and rhythm of the originals. These are poems delightfully wrought in masterful metrical poetry—nonce forms, sonnet, cento, quatrains, and others. This winner of the 2020 Able Muse Book Award is a collection filled with enlightenment, wonder, and inspiration.

PRAISE FOR SAY WHAT YOU WILL

With unerring artistry, Len Krisak's poems in *Say What You Will* extend an invitation with enormous erudition, sure, but equally with wit and charm,

solemnity and grace, in this exquisite book.

—Greg Williamson, author of *A Most Marvelous Piece of Luck*

In Len Krisak's *Say What You Will*, a voice comes to us from out of the Midwest, by way of ancient Italy. A formidable translator of Vergil and Horace, Krisak is attuned to echoes lingering in those gorgeous classical ruins that will outlast our century's bravest new structures. He's also attuned to the here-and-now in all its incongruities, a place where (in Krisak's hands) Chinese takeout turns out to rhyme with stakeout.

These are footloose poems, happily ambling here and there, so the reader is hardly surprised if on one page you're in Russia and in another you're contemplating the Boston subway, or if one of Vermeer's silent beauties winds up beside the silent film star Louise Brooks.

Say What You Will is a smart and kindly book.

—Brad Leithauser, 2020 Able Muse Book Award judge, author of *Rhyme's Rooms*

Readers should welcome *Say What You Will*, the newest book of accessible but challenging poems by Len Krisak. His subjects range from high culture to pop culture, and his well-crafted translations range from the ancient Greeks to Montale. This is one of the best collections of poetry in this pandemic year.

—A. M. Juster, author of *Wonder and Wrath*

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Len Krisak graduated from the University of Michigan in 1970 and took his MA from Brandeis University in 1974. In Massachusetts, he worked as a textbook editor and English teacher at Brandeis, Northeastern University,

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