

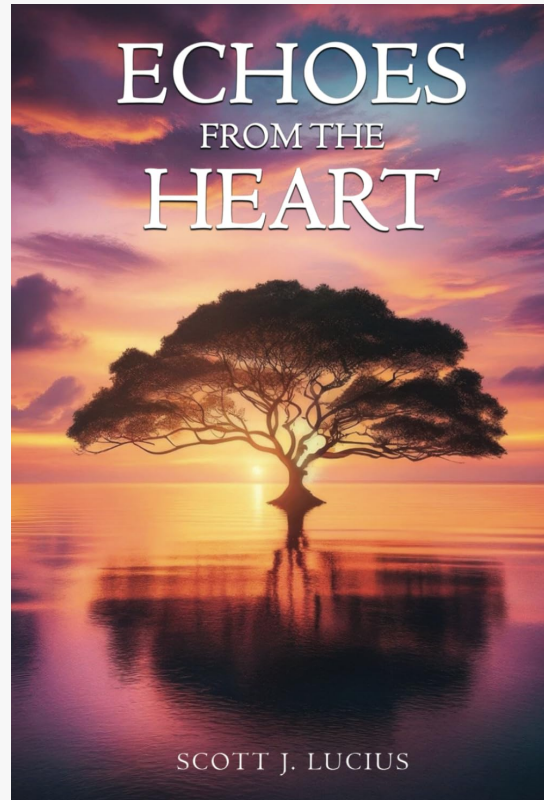
Scott J. Lucius Publishes Debut Book, "Echoes From The Heart"

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[Scott J. Lucius](#) has recently published his debut book, "[Echoes From The Heart](#)," after years of writing poetry that began in his middle school years. This collection offers a poetic exploration of life's ups and downs and encourages readers to live purposefully and with courage. Lucius incorporates digital imagery to allow readers to reflect on their own experiences.

The poems confront the realities of pain and despair while consistently returning to a hopeful message: despite challenges, change can lead to growth and new beginnings. The overarching theme emphasizes the importance of being true to ourselves, showing bravery, and cultivating compassion. These qualities unite our lives and create a shared human experience filled with interconnected stories and strengths.

When asked about his motivation to write, Lucius stated, "My book is a call to action—a reminder for individuals to embrace their own stories, support one another, and always seek the light of their personal truths. My passion for



Echoes from the Heart

Faith Amidst the Fury
Where storms brew and skies roar,
Faith stands firm on the shore.
Like a sentinel in the surge,
Resisting the gale's fierce urge.

Thunder cracks, lightning strikes,
Yet faith holds through the night.
Rooted deep, unmoved by fear,
Unseen strength keeps it clear.

Winds howl, sand takes flight,
Faith burns bright in the fight.
Not just wood, but fire within,
A force that stands, where storms begin.

Amid chaos, where fear peaks,
Faith speaks the courage we seek.
Every bolt, every violent shake,
Shows how faith will never break.

Waves reach, but never clasp,
Faith eludes their futile grasp.
In the storm's heart, strength is taught,
Faith stands tall, cannot be caught.

Let the skies rage, oceans roar,
Faith endures forevermore.
In life's worst storms, let truth reside:
Faith rises as fears subside...

the written word allows me to inspire others through my poetry."

Lucius often draws from his own life experiences, including grief, love, joy, and the beauty he perceives in the world, as sources of inspiration for his work. He explained that he began to approach his writing with a greater sense of seriousness later in life, eventually feeling comfortable sharing his poems with a broader audience.

"Echoes From The Heart" is now available for purchase at <https://poeticexpressions.art/about> and <https://scottjluciusbooks.com>. Interested readers can visit these sites to place their orders.

About Scott J. Lucius

Scott J. Lucius hails from the quiet countryside of rural Ohio, where he grew up with his siblings. His educational journey spanned 15 years, during which he explored various fields, including computer science, management information systems, art, literature, and social work. Throughout this time, his love for poetry grew quietly, waiting for the right moment to emerge. It was only after retiring from a notable career in technology that Scott fully embraced his passion for writing.

Scott currently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with his beloved four-legged companion, Pipes.

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Jars of Dawn

In twilight's hush, the glow begins,
A field of jars, light's softest hymns.
A girl amidst the dawn's embrace,
Each step a dance, the night's erase.

She wanders through the silent choir,
Glowing vessels of captured fire.
Colors whisper to the skies,
In murmured hues, the dark defies.

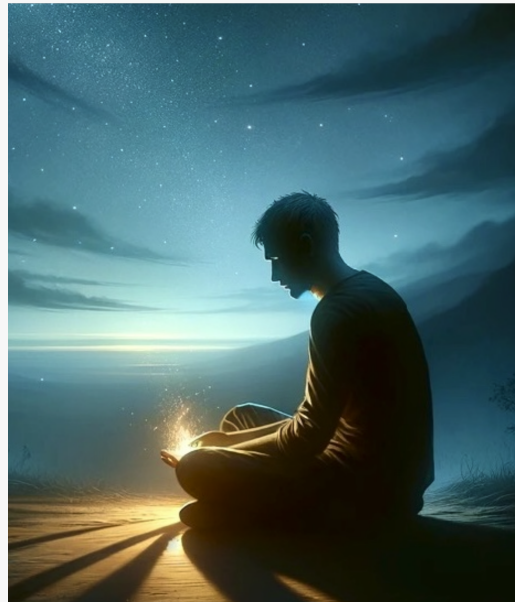
Sunrise kisses jar-lit sea,
A blend of flame and reverie.
The girl, a shadow cast in light,
Moves through the dawn, dispelling night.

Reflections dance on glassy spheres,
Each jar, a world, the cosmos nears.
In this expanse of light and hue,
Morning's breath feels soft and new.

Horizon's edge, a melting gold,
A symphony of warmth unfolds.
The jars, like stars, begin to fade,
In the orchestra that daylight made.

With every jar, a dream's release,
A tranquil space, a piece of peace.
The girl, a silhouette now gone,
Leaves whispered dreams in the jars of dawn.

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The Quiet Spark Within

In the quiet of the night, under starlit sheen,
A whisper stirs, soft and unseen.
Not a blaze that roars in open sight,
But a tender spark, glowing with inner light.

In the depths of struggle, where shadows play,
The faintest ember wards off dismay.
It's not the fire that commands the skies,
But a subtle glow in the heart that never dies.

In moments of doubt, where fear takes hold,
This tiny spark, more precious than gold.
It flickers, gentle, yet resolute and keen,
Fueling dreams in spaces in-between.

Even when the world seems dark and cold,
And burdens press, heavy and bold,
This quiet spark will rise and sustain,
A constant light through joy and pain.

Through the storm, against winds that howl,
This spark, a beacon, where faint-hearts prowl.
In its warmth, courage is born anew,
A testament to the strength that grew.

In life's vast ocean, a ripple, a start,
The smallest spark ignites the heart.
In whispers, it speaks of resilience and grace,
A silent guardian in life's endless race.

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