KATHERINE MERCURIO GOTTHARDT, M.ED.

WRITING, EDUCATION, TEACHING

M.Ed., Writing Concentration, Cambridge College
B.A., English, University of Massachusetts Lowell
A.A., General Studies, Middlesex Community College

- Poet, Author, Marketing Communications Writer, Freelancer
- Advocate for justice, equity and equality
- Former Instructor for Prince William County Public Schools Adult Education (traditional, international and incarcerated students), National American University, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Middlesex Community College

OVERVIEW

Award-winning poet and author Katherine Gotthardt, M.Ed., writing concentration, has been writing, publishing, volunteering and teaching for more than 30 years. A founding member of Write In Louisa and Write by the Rails (WbtR), the Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, Katherine is also a member of the Poetry Society of Virginia, Virginia Writers Club, Haiku America and other organizations. She uses proceeds from book sales to benefit community and giving-back initiatives. Learn more at KatherineGotthardt.com.

POETRY COLLECTIONS

- *The World Has Changed from When I Last Was Here*
- *We All Might Be Witches*
- *Thirty Years of Cardinals Calling*
- *D.C. Ekphrastic: Crisis of Faith*
- *Weaker Than Water*
- *Bury Me Under a Lilac*
- *Late April*
- *Poems from the Battlefield*

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- *A Crane Named Steve* (story and coloring books)
- *Furbily-Furld Takes on the World*

MIXED GENRE POETRY BOOKS

Get Happy, Dammit and *Get Happier, Dammit*



AWARDS (PARTIAL LIST)

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- **2026** Carolina Prize for Poetry
- **2026** Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Contest (national) 3rd Place, Zan Hailey Memorial
- **2025** VA Writers Club Golden Nib (national) 2nd Place
- **2024** VA Writers Club Golden Nib (local level - Write by the Rails)
- **2024** Poetry Super Highway 2024 poetry contest - Top 10
- **2024** BookFest Modern Poetry Award - *We All Might Be Witches* (international)
- **2024** Virginia Literary Award Nomination - *We All Might Be Witches* (state)
- **2023** Honorable Mention, Poetry Competition, Valiant Scribe (international)
- **2023** Manassas 150th Anniversary Time Capsule Poetry Contest (regional)
- **2023** Second Place, 30 for 30 National Poetry Month Contest (regional)
- **2021** First Place, Virginia Writers Club Golden Nib Poetry Contest (national)
- **2021** PW Perspectives, Best of DMV, Author (regional)
- **2021** Seefeldt Award for Arts Excellence, Individual Artist (regional)

AWARDS (CONT'D)

- **2021** Silver Award, Nonfiction Writers Association, for *Get Happy, Dammit* (national)
- **2021** Second Place, Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Poetry Contest (national)
- **2020** Outstanding Poetry Project, Prince William Arts Council (regional)
  2020 First Place, Loudoun County Library Foundation Poetry Contest, Free Verse (regional)
- **2020, 2019** InsideNova, Best of Prince William, Author (regional)

POETRY PUBLICATIONS (PARTIAL LIST)

- 2026 Streetlight Magazine
- 2026 Yellow Arrow Journal
- 2025 Miracle Monocle
- 2025 Wayfarer Magazine
- 2025 Saving Ourselves anthology
- 2025 Streur Nature Anthology
- 2025 Gently Mad Literary Magazine
- 2025 The Zest of the Lemon
- 2025 Ruby's Lyric
- 2025 Haikuniverse
- 2024 Empyrean Literary Magazine
- 2024 HNDL magazine
- 2024 County Lines: A Literary Journal
- 2024 ONE ART
- 2024 Poem Alone
- 2024 HaikUniverse
- 2024 You Blew It - Miracle Monocle Anthology
- 2023 Fractured by Cattails - Haiku Society of America Anthology
- 2023 BigCityLit
- 2023 County Lines Anthology
- 2023 Haiku Canada
- 2023 Circling with Poets Laureate Anthology
- 2023 Thread LitMag
- 2023 Gathering - An Anthology
- 2023 The Southern Quill
- 2023 Journal of the Virginia Writers Club
- 2022 Portrait of New England
- 2022 Panoply
- 2022 Peace Like a River Literary Journal (Valiant Scribe)
- 2022 Poetry Society of Virginia 100th Anniversary Anthology
- 2022 Blue Ridge Writers Literary Journal
- 2022 North of Oxford
- 2022 HaikUniverse
- 2022 Steam Ahead! Anthology
- 2021 Northern Virginia Review
- 2021 Poetry Virginia Anthology
- 2021 Neighbors of Historic Manassas Magazine
- 2021 Confetti Anthology
- 2021 BristowBeat
- 2020 Prince William County Poetry Review
- 2020 Mondo Anthology
- 2020 Spilled Ink Anthology
- 2020 Prince William Living Magazine
- 2019 Love Thy Neighboring Country Project
- 2019 NOVA Bards Anthology
- 2019 Prince William Bards Anthology
- 2019 Back on Track Anthology
- 2017 Piedmont Literary Journal
- 2015 Northern Virginia Literary Review
- 2012 New Departures Anthology
- 2011 Baytime Stories Anthology
- 2011 Eclectic Brew Anthology

Prior: Yankee Magazine, ELF: Eclectic Literary Forum, Haight Ashbury Literary Journal, The Lowell Pearl, Offerings, more

MEDIA

- Inside NoVa
- Haymarket Gainesville Lifestyle Magazine
- Prince William Living Magazine
- The Central Virginian
- BristowBeat
- PW Perspective
- Bull Run Observer
- Potomac Local
- Manassas Patch
- Longmont Leader

VOLUNTEER WORK

ATW - All Things Writing, LLC
Founder, CEO
November 2013 – present

ATW is a full-service writing and content development company. Clients include a variety of businesses, nonprofits and media outlets.

As part of community service and outreach, donate and distribute books, art supplies and other goods to local disadvantaged communities and nonprofits. Present readings and workshops for children and at-risk young adults. Speak to groups and organizations on the business of writing, marketing, publishing and more. Partner with nonprofits to support community initiatives.

Write In Louisa
Founder
November 6, 2024 - present

Create and launch regional writers group for aspiring and seasoned writers in the Louisa County, Virginia area. Partner with Louisa Arts Center to plan and deliver workshops for community and visitors. Market programs and collaborate with other area literary organizations. Develop and disseminate messaging, press releases and marketing collateral.

Write by the Rails
Founding Member, Past President
August 2011 – 2024

Plan and deliver innovative programs for aspiring and seasoned writers in the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park area. Plan and deliver workshops for membership and community. Market programs and collaborate with other area literary organizations. Oversee Poems Around Town poetry installation project. Coordinate anthology publications and contests. Work with board to maintain standing with parent organization, Virginia Writers Club.

Rise Phoenix Rise, Inc.
Volunteer, Board Member
January 2016 – January 2023

To support mental health initiatives, provided content and marketing services, spearheaded donation drives, collected donated materials and supplies for vulnerable mental health peers. Created learning materials for motivational book discussion groups and co-facilitated Zoom meetings based on *Get Happier, Dammit.*

CONTACT

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