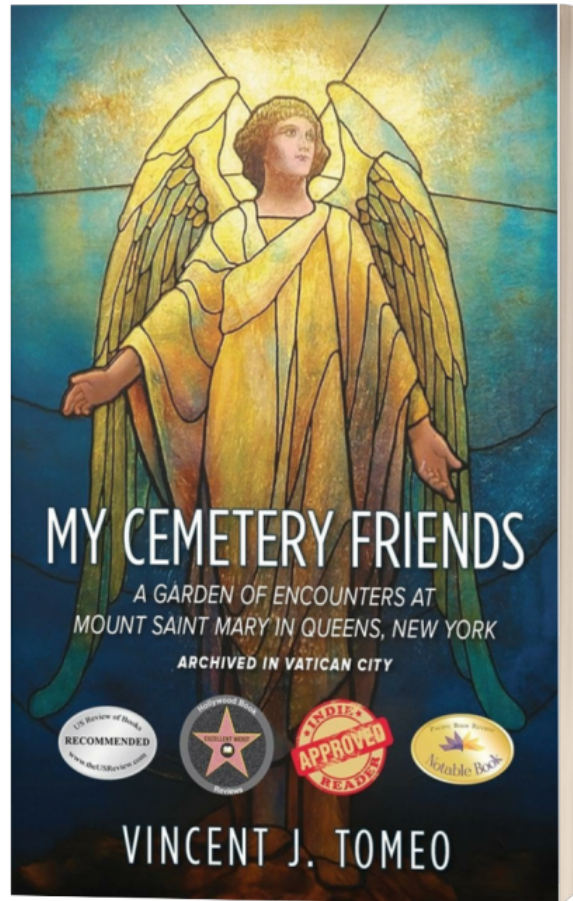


“My Cemetery Friends” Illuminates Life, Memory, and Humanity Through a Poetic Walk in Queens

Acclaimed Poet Vincent J. Tomeo’s Award-Winning Work to Be Featured at the 2025 National Council Teachers of English Book Fair



Los Angeles, California Nov 19, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - “*My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount Saint Mary in Queens, New York*” by Vincent J. Tomeo continues to captivate readers with its profound blend of poetry, reflection, and humanity. This celebrated collection invites readers to walk with the author through the quiet pathways of one of New York’s historic cemeteries, discovering the stories, memories, and lessons embedded in every step.

A two-time Pushcart Prize nominee, Tomeo transforms the cemetery into a living museum—one where nature, memory, and human connection converge. The book highlights encounters with the forgotten, the honored, the unnamed, and the deeply loved. Reviewers praise its power to inspire gratitude, contemplation, and renewed appreciation for life’s fleeting beauty. Critics from Pacific Book Review and the US Review of Books describe the work as “thought-invoking,” “beautifully reflective,” and “a celebration of life itself.

[Tomeo](#)'s distinguished career spans more than 1,064 published poems and essays, 108 awards, and 149 public readings. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Evening Street Review, Comstock Review, Mid-America Poetry Review, Mudfish, and many others, establishing him as a vital voice in contemporary poetry and historical reflection.

"My Cemetery Friends" will be showcased at the Combined Books Exhibit during the 2025 National Council Teachers of English (NCTE) event, held November 20–23, 2025, in Denver, CO. As one of the oldest and most influential educational book fairs in the country, NCTE draws 8,000 teachers, administrators, and literary professionals seeking meaningful works across all grade levels and genres.

"My Cemetery Friends" stands out as a timeless, life-affirming contribution—one that encourages readers to look inward, honor memory, and embrace the shared journey of being human.

The book is available on Amazon and major online bookstores.

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