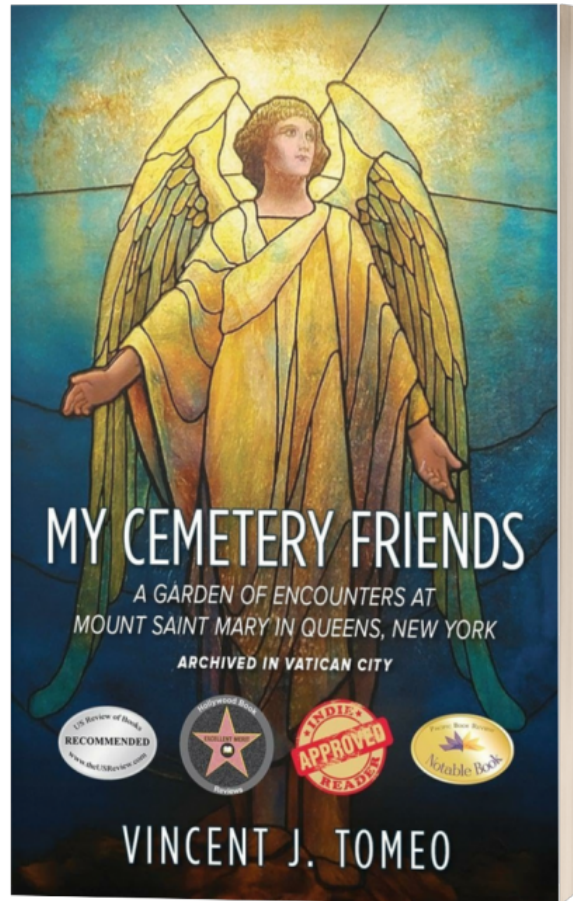


My Cemetery Friends Invites Readers on a Reflective Journey Through Memory, Humanity, and Connection

Vincent J. Tomeo's acclaimed work celebrates life, remembrance, and the stories that unite generations



Los Angeles, California Apr 23, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - [My Cemetery Friends: A Garden of Encounters at Mount Saint Mary in Queens, New York](#) by Vincent J. Tomeo offers readers a thoughtful and uplifting exploration of life, remembrance, and human connection. Through reflective storytelling and poetic insight, the book guides readers along the pathways of Mount Saint Mary Cemetery in Queens, transforming what might seem like a place of quiet reflection into a vibrant “living museum” filled with stories, encounters, and meaning.

In this deeply personal yet universal narrative, Tomeo walks readers through cemetery paths where memories of the past meet the experiences of the present. Each encounter—whether with historical figures, loved ones, or unnamed individuals whose lives left quiet impressions—reveals how interconnected human lives truly are. The book celebrates family, friendship, military sacrifice, and the countless individuals whose lives contribute to the collective human story.

Blending observation, history, and poetic reflection, *My Cemetery Friends* presents the cemetery not simply as a resting place but as a garden of stories that invites contemplation and appreciation for life itself. Tomeo's work emphasizes compassion, remembrance, and the subtle connections that bind people together across time and circumstance.

The book has received significant recognition within literary communities. It has been archived in Vatican City and honored with several literary distinctions, including the Pacific Book Review Notable Book recognition, the Hollywood Book Reviews Excellent Merit distinction, and the US Review of Books Recommended seal. These acknowledgments highlight the work's reflective depth and its ability to resonate with readers seeking thoughtful perspectives on life and legacy.

Author [Vincent J. Tomeo](#), a poet, historian, archivist, and longtime American history teacher in New York City, brings decades of literary achievement and cultural engagement to his writing. With more than 1,100 published works and numerous international recognitions, Tomeo continues to inspire readers through poetry and prose.

At the LA Times Festival of Books 2026, held on April 18–19, 2026, at the University of Southern California, *My Cemetery Friends* was featured as part of the Olympus Story House display, bringing its message of remembrance, reflection, and shared humanity to festival attendees.

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