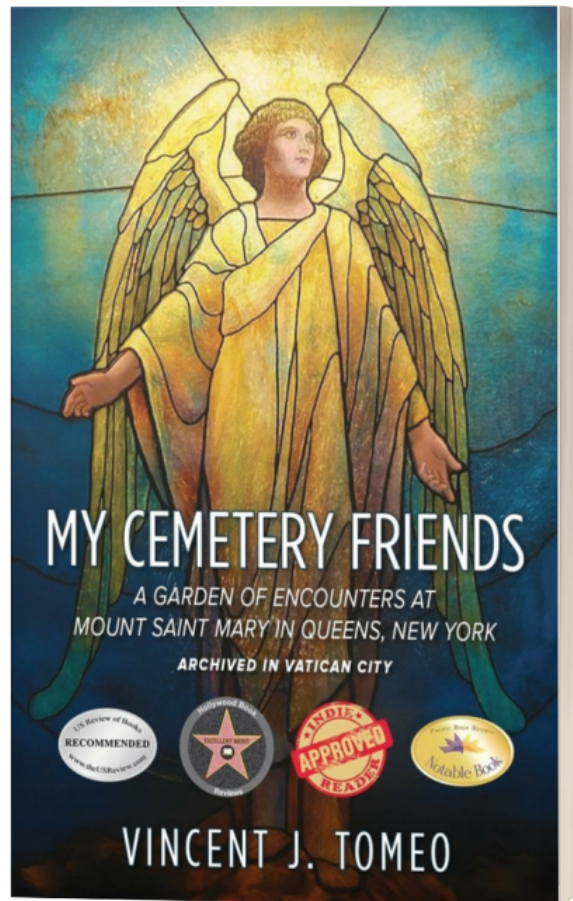


My Cemetery Friends Explores Humanity, Memory, and Compassion Through the Pathways of a Historic Queens Cemetery

Vincent J. Tomeo's Acclaimed Literary Work Celebrates Life, Connection, and the Stories Often Left Unspoken



Los Angeles, California May 17, 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 reflective and heartfelt literary journey through one of New York's historic cemeteries, transforming quiet pathways into spaces of memory, humanity, and meaningful connection. Blending poetry, storytelling, history, and personal reflection, the book presents the cemetery not as a place of sorrow, but as a living museum filled with stories waiting to be discovered.

Through encounters both real and symbolic, Tomeo honors families, veterans, forgotten individuals, and the unnamed souls whose lives continue to echo through time. The narrative explores themes of compassion, peace, nature, friendship, and the interconnectedness of human experience. As readers

walk alongside the author through Mount Saint Mary Cemetery in Queens, New York, the book invites reflection on life's overlooked moments and the unexpected relationships that shape personal journeys.

The book has earned significant literary recognition for its thoughtful and moving presentation. *My Cemetery Friends* has been archived in Vatican City and received several literary distinctions, including the Pacific Book Review Notable Book seal, the Hollywood Book Reviews Excellent Merit recognition, and a Recommended rating from The US Review of Books. These honors highlight the book's emotional resonance, literary quality, and unique contribution to contemporary reflective literature.

[Vincent J. Tomeo](#) is a widely published poet, archivist, historian, and community activist whose work has appeared in numerous respected literary journals and publications, including The New York Times. A former American history teacher in New York City for 36 years, Tomeo has also been recognized internationally for his poetry, earning more than 108 awards and participating in literary readings around the world.

With *My Cemetery Friends*, Tomeo delivers a timeless meditation on remembrance, kindness, and the enduring beauty of human connection.

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