

Angela Smith

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Angela, who goes by Angie, is classified as a junior, majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Philosophy. Angie is 26, lives with her partner (Bill), 2 cats (Zipper and Foo), and one dog (Goldie) on a small farm near Troy, Idaho. Originally from Ebenbower, Oregon. She enrolled in the University of Idaho in 2004 but has had to work to support herself and takes classes when she can. She currently works at the University of Idaho Library and takes 1 or 2 courses each semester.

Her partner Bill is a plant breeder and runs a small business testing food grains and propagating rare grasses. He works under contract with the USDA, has hosted various Borlaugh scholars, and generates a small income from his seed business. He has been selling from the Web for several years and will help Angie if necessary with her new project. Additionally Bill is a master gardener and expert chef. Angie finds inspiration in working in their garden and occasionally helping Bill with some of his projects.

Angie is quiet, soft spoken, and deeply spiritual. She enjoys her life with Bill and the pets but has a gentle secrete that is to her very personal and private: she is a poet.

Only a few close friends know that she writes poetry and regularly publishes. While widely known under the pseudonym she uses for publication few realize that the author is Angie Smith of Troy Idaho. She has never held a public reading of her work, is shielded fanatically by her main publisher, Grey Weather Press, and intends to simply continue on in the same manner. Her books are produced in very small editions, are all hand-set and printed, and are often sold-out by subscription before they are printed. She's convinced that the beautiful handset work by Holly and Larry is the main reason her works sell. In brief, she simply doesn't have to push book sales.

Lately she has become intrigued by another publisher, indeed one suggested to her by her friends at Grey Weather Press, Soft Skull Press. She much enjoys the passionate and committed attitude of this publisher and is now in the process of writing a small volume specifically for them to publish. This is something of a departure for Angie and she is excited about this new project. She jokingly explains to Bill that she feels as if she is Rumi moving into a project with Paul Miller, aka DJ Snoopy, whose recent piece, "Terra Nova: Sinfonia Antarctica" she finds particularly inspiring. So far that's all she had to say about this new project.

As she began this new project she also decided to start a blog about poetry. She plans to make a poetry review blog, where she can review work from a narrow range of poets, including herself - or at least her pseudonym self. She finds the idea of reviewing herself amusing and has been encouraged by two very dear friends, Robert Bringhurst and Joseph Duemer.