

Author Bios

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MICHAEL GRASSETTI is a student at Bryant University, class of 2021, majoring in Finance. Born on July 3, 1999, he grew up in Somers, Connecticut. An avid reader from a young age, Grassetti's literary immersion and affinity for nature and the cosmos inspire his work.

MIKAELA GRETTY considers herself an "art major guided by a business brain." Her work expresses how nature intertwines with the worlds raging within us - mentally, emotionally, politically, and economically. Mikaela aims to leave these thoughtfully constructed pieces echoing in readers' minds. At Bryant University she studies Marketing, Environmental Science, and Creative Writing. This combined with coaching from Eric Paul, rounds out her perspectives.

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CLAIRE KUO is a junior at Columbia University studying creative writing. While most of her work has been concentrated in nonfiction, she has been thrown headlong into her first real exploration of poetry. Her current writing obsessions include Taiwan, her family, and the multifaceted nature of water.

NILSA LAINE is a current freshman at Bryant University. At Bryant, Nilsa is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Politics + Law and Global Studies. Nilsa's hometown is Bridgeport, Connecticut. Apart from writing, Nilsa finds joy in reading, spending time with friends and family, and broadening her knowledge in a variety of topics.

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RILEY MAYES is a full-time student and essential worker currently residing in Brunswick, Maine. She is interested in explorations of nature and the self in her studies, writing, and adventuring. Her work has been published in several print and online publications, including *Garfield Lake Review*, *DoveTales Literary Journal*, *Beyond Words Literary Magazine*, and *Sudden Denouement Collective*.

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REBECCA MEAR is a senior at Gordon College, where she is an English major with a French minor. Her favorite genres of writing are creative nonfiction and poetry, and she has pieces published in the *Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle* and the *Vox Populi*. Rebecca is a writing tutor in Gordon's Writing Center and she also works as a remote intern at a Massachusetts publishing company.

ALEXA O'KANE is a senior at Champlain College with plans to pursue an MFA in Poetry and Writing for Children & Young Adults at The New School in August. Her poetry has appeared in *Pinnacle Anthology* (2019) and *Willard & Maple* (2021), and her debut poetry book, *Troubles*, premieres May 5, 2021.

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MEGAN PETERS is a senior at Roger Williams University, where she is an editor for the *Mount Hope Literary Magazine*, as well as captain of the Swim & Dive team. After graduation, she plans to serve as an Americorps volunteer at a nonprofit in her hometown of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. *Bryant Literary Review* is her first publication.

AIDAN POWERS (Class of 2021) is from Tewksbury, Massachusetts, and is currently a senior at Bryant University. Aidan is a dual concentration in both Finance and Psychology, along with holding a student Portfolio Manager position for the Archway Equity Portfolio. After Bryant, his goal is to pursue a career in asset management.

JULIA RABOY was born and raised in Westchester, New York. She is currently a Junior at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine where she studies Gender and Sexuality Studies, History, and Philosophy. Outside of school, she loves dogs, her peloton bike, and a good New York Times crossword puzzle.

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