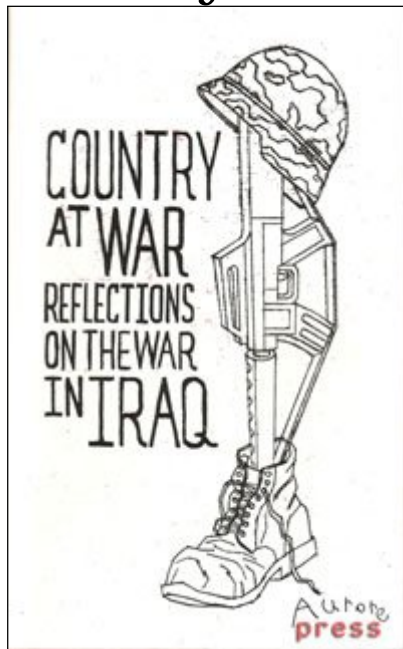


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Country at War: Reflections on the War in Iraq



Are you sick of this war of lies we're in? Well, so are we and we gave local Cincinnati area writers and artists with connections to this traditionally conservative area a chance to speak up and they did! Seventeen artists stepped up and contributed their words and work to our very first publication, Country at War: Reflections on the War in Iraq.

The book is published and the release party date has been set: Saturday, July 7, 2007 from 6-8 PM at the Sidewinder Coffee & Tea in Northside. We've received some remarkable submissions these past few months and can't wait to show the world. Plus 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the disabled vets.

All the writers and artists did a remarkable job in stepping up and contributing to the book including Jacob Adams, Joel Blazer, Chuck Byrd, Mary Anne Cowgill, Gregory Flannery, Matt Hart, Knife the Symphony, Amy Kreitzer, Justin Moore, Chrissy Hensley, Lisa Romie, Christian Schmit, Nathan Singer, Veronica Strickler, Brian Williams, Kathy Y. Wilson and Betsy Young.

The live event will feature live readings and performances from some of the authors. Look for Nathan Singer, Kathy Y. Wilson, Chuck Byrd, Veronica Strickler, Gregory Flannery, Matt Hart, Jeff Albers, Chrissy Hensley, Joe Riddle, Justin Moore and

Betsy Young.

Live Event and Book Release

Saturday, July 7 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Sidewinder Coffee & Tea
4181 Hamilton Avenue in Northside
Cincinnati, OH 45223

Featuring readings and live performances by: Nathan Singer, Kathy Y. Wilson, Chuck Byrd, Veronica Strickler, Gregory Flannery, Matt Hart, Jeff Albers, Chrissy Hensley, Joe Riddle, Justin Moore, Betsy Young and much more.

The image is a poster for the book release party. It features the same stylized drawing of a boot and rifle as the book cover. The text on the poster includes: 'Aurore Press Presents', 'BOOK RELEASE PARTY' in large red letters, 'Featuring Readings and Live Performances with all book sale proceeds going to disabled vets', 'SATURDAY JULY 7 6-8:00 PM', 'Sidewinder Coffee & Tea', '4181 Hamilton Avenue Cincinnati 45223 | Northside', and 'To find out more go to www.aurorepress.com'. The 'Aurore Press' logo is at the bottom right.

Notes on the Contributors

Jacob Kane Adams

Born in Dayton, Ohio in 1988, Jacob Adams was raised in the mountains of Washington State by two ex-Marines who made the decision early on that their children shouldn't have to see war, hypocrisy and power tripping illiterates (like GB). Mostly home schooled, after the war started, Jacob watched as his best friends left to defend a cause they didn't understand and take orders from "The Man". Jacob's been composing and performing music since he was twelve years old and is currently writer, composer, vocalist, bassist, and guitarist for the band FOOD (www.newfoodgroup.com) He now resides in Mexico.

Joel Blazer

Currently working on illustrating a graphic novel and a deconstructing Procter and Gamble printed material and reassembling them to create new fine art designs. He lives in the Carthage neighborhood of Cincinnati, OH with his lovely wife, Arynn, and daughter, Ester.

Chuck Byrd

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chuck spent his late 20s living in San Francisco and hanging out in Phoenix for 10 months before returning home to live. Under the moniker, Charles E. Brown, he was a professional wrestling manager and even wrestled in a few matches (yes, it does hurt!) and also writing an internet column for Wrestling Weekly.com and running a wrestling website called Independently Speaking. He is co-publisher of Aurore Press.

Mary Anne Cowgill

A collapsible writer and a brickhouse (that's right), wife & mother of two small boys.

Gregory Flannery

A journalist for 25 years. Greg lives in Monfort Heights with his wife, Mary Alice. They have four adult children, each one more anti-war than the next.

Matt Hart

Author of the poetry collection *Who's Who Vivid* (Slope Editions, 2006) and the chapbooks, *Revelated* (Hollyridge Press, 2005) and *Sonnet* (H_NGM_N Books, 2006). His work has appeared in many print and online journals, including *The Canary*, *H_NGM_N*, *Lungfull!*, and *Octopus*. A co-founder and editor of *Forklift, Ohio: A Journal of Poetry, Cooking, & Light Industrial Safety*, he also plays in the bands *Travel* and *The 50 Shoes*. He teaches at the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

Chrissy Hensley

Senior at Northern Kentucky University majoring in Sociology with a Political Science minor. She considers herself a radical militant feminist who has a passion for honesty and anger that most people are not willing to listen to. Still, she keeps fighting for social justice wherever she finds it. She resides in Price Hill in Cincinnati, Ohio with her partner.

Knife the Symphony

Trio from Cincinnati, Ohio featuring Jeff Albers (guitar, vocals) Robyn Roth (bass, vocals) and Jerry Dirr (drums/percussion, Phratry Records - owner). Knife The Symphony is an underground band influenced by art, early skate culture, film and music - the kind of expression born of the same DIY ambition and ethics. Find out more about KTS and their EP entitled "Knife the Symphony" on Phratry Records at www.knifethesympphony.com.

Amy Kreitzer

Born in Dayton, OH during the middle of the Vietnam War, Amy was just a baby at the advent of the tumultuous Dayton Race Riots. She hoped her own sons would never endure similar repeats of inept (local and national) governance but sadly, this was not to pass. Now a resident of Washington state, her time left on this tragically beautiful planet is mostly spent researching, writing and working towards various anthropology-related pursuits, armchair activism (more writing) and whenever possible, enjoying what's left of nature. Amy has a BA in anthropology from Washington State University and is deeply involved in a screenwriting project about Nikola Tesla with plans for future graduate studies in anthropology.

Justin Patrick Moore

Writer, radio programmer, sound artist and cultural engineer currently living in Northside in Cincinnati, Ohio with his

family. His mind inhabits the strange bywaters of unpopular culture and he keeps busy writing science fiction, essays, poetry.

Lisa Romie

Technical writer who enjoys writing short stories, reading all types of non-fiction, and watching the Reds win. She is a Cincinnati State graduate. She lives in Hidden Valley Lake in Indiana with her husband and sons.

Christian Schmit

Lives and works in Covington, Kentucky. He spends his time making drawings and paintings and teaching art to short people.

Nathan Singer

Novelist, playwright, composer, and experimental performance artist. He is the author of the critically acclaimed and controversial novel, *A Prayer for Dawn*. His written work has been published across a wide spectrum of print media, from academic journals to underground indie rags. Several of his plays have been brought to life on stage, including the theatrical adaptation of his second novel *Chasing the Wolf*. He currently teaches writing at the University of Cincinnati, and is working on his next novel, *Blackchurch Furnace*.

Veronica Strickler

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a teenager she attended the School for Creative and Performing Arts where she majored in drama, vocal music and creative writing. After high school, Veronica fulfilled her life-long dream of moving to New Orleans. She attended Loyola University for three years, but following Hurricane Katrina was forced to return to home. Veronica is currently finishing her studies at Miami University, where she majors in English Journalism and works full-time for Hot Topic.

Brian Williams

Graduate of the Ohio State University Kiplinger Program for Public Affairs Reporting. He was a reporter and editor at the Cincinnati Post from 1985-93 and was president of the Cincinnati Newspaper Guild. He currently works as an IT business analyst.

Kathy Y. Wilson

Sentence-slinger/closet poet/teacher and author of "Your Negro Tour Guide". Her widely loathed but obsessively read and award-winning column and National Public Radio commentaries on "All Things Considered" are collected columns and commentaries from *Your Negro Tour Guide: Truths In Black and White* (2004, Emmis Books) now in its second paperback printing and has been adapted for the stage as a one-woman dramatic monologue premiering February 26, 2007, at the Playhouse in the Park's Alteractive Series. An adjunct Journalism instructor at the University of Cincinnati where she teaches columns and reviews, she has been outed as a closet poet with *True Grits: A Short Stack On Food and Family in Over-the-Rhine* (InkTank Press, 2006), a commissioned--and her first--collection of poetry. Wilson contributed a chapter to *Uncle Tom Or New Negro? African Americans Reflect on Booker T. Washington and Up From Slavery 100 Years Later* (Harlem Moon/Broadway Books, 2006). Her poems and op-ed columns have appeared in *On the One*, *Newsday*, *Shelterforce* and *The Independent*. She frequently contributes to *Cincinnati Magazine* to keep from selling drugs. Wilson's next book is a collection of essays from Clerisy Press lampooning Oprah, Condoleezza, Hurricane Katrina and her own damned self and is entitled *Do You Know Who I Think I Am? Curiosities In A Colored Woman's America*. Barring a recount she is the unofficial Mayor of East Walnut Hills in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Betsy Young

Currently living in historic Northside in Cincinnati, Ohio with her husband and daughter, the "real" Aurore, she is co-publisher of Aurore Press. When she isn't working on building their publishing empire, she earns money as a freelance writer and web and graphic designer, mostly for project managers and pro wrestlers.