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Footprints in Heaven # Jalanjäljet taivaassa

In English: Poetry and photography have the power to move and inspire us. The experiences shared through books can transport us to different worlds, evoke deep emotions, and offer new perspectives on life, death, and beyond. The poems in Footprints in Heaven are a testament to the power of hope and love – our eternal souls that seek out the light of the Universe.

I am concluding my journey that began with my first poetic-photography book, Dew Drops, which was about the transformation of nature and ourselves. This continued to the unknown dimensions in our lives through The Dreaming Doors' poetic experience. The poems and artwork explored the thresholds of our intuition through the doors of old towns. And now, I am finally leading the readers to the transition from here to the beyond and what we may expect.

I invite you to a journey of self-discovery, the true frontier of humanity, what comes after death, and, the power of love that connects us all timelessly. This third and final volume will share glimpses into the afterlife and the possibility of reuniting with our loved ones. I want to thank everyone who has encouraged me on my poetic journey.

Suomeksi: Runoudella ja valokuvauksella on voima liikuttaa ja inspiroida meitä. Kirjojen kautta jaetut kokemukset voivat kuljettaa meidät eri maailmoihin, herättää syviä tunteita ja tarjota uusia näkökulmia elämään, kuolemaan ja sen jälkeiseen aikaan. Jalanjäljet taivaassa -kirjan runot ovat todistus toivon ja rakkauden voimasta – iankaikkisista sieluistamme, jotka etsivät maailmankaikkeuden valoa.

Matkani alkoi runovalokuvakirjastani Hiljainen hetki, joka käsitteli luonnon ja itsemme muutosta. Jatkuessaan matka vei elämän tuntemattomiin ulottuvuuksiin Uneksivat ovet -kirjan runollisen tien kautta. Runot ja taideteokset tutkivat intuitiomme rajoja vanhojen kaupunkien ovien läpi. Matkallani kohti runokuvaelman viimeistä osaa haluan johdattaa ajatuksesi täältä tuonpuoleiseen. Siihen, mitä voimme odottaa tämän elämämme jälkeen.

Kutsun sinut itsensä löytämisen matkalle, ihmiskunnan todelliseen tutkimusretkeen, siihen mitä tulee kuoleman jälkeen, ja rakkauden voimaan, joka yhdistää meidät kaikki ajattomasti. Tämä kolmas ja viimeinen osa jakaa välähdyksiä kuolemanjälkeisestä elämästä ja mahdollisuudesta jälleen tavata rakkaamme. Kiitos kaikille, jotka ovat tukeneet runomatkojani.

Foreword by Dennis Pitocco

Every so often, the sublime dance of words and imagery captivates us, transporting our souls to realms of beauty and profound understanding. Like a serendipitous encounter with a kindred spirit, this poetry collection has graced my life with its lyrical splendor.

Without question, these verses arrived at the perfect moment, resonating with the deepest chords of my being. As I immersed myself in the rhythmic flow of each line, I found a mirror reflecting the universal human experience – the joys, sorrows, and ineffable mysteries that bind us all. With candor and eloquence, Maria has woven a tapestry of invaluable insights, inviting us to navigate the realms of emotion with grace and mindfulness.

Each poem becomes a guiding light, illuminating the path beyond everyday challenges and uncertainty. This masterful collection has bestowed upon us the power to transcend fear, embracing the beauty that unfolds in every moment, every breath. Like a well-tended garden, these verses will blossom within our souls, nurturing the seeds of wisdom and awakening a profound appreciation for the artistry of language.

Dennis Pitocco

Publisher & Editor-in-Chief
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To Seija-Mom

To my uncles

To all our loved ones passed on into the light
May your journey in the stars continue peacefully,
and our love always find you

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Seija-äidille

Enoillemme

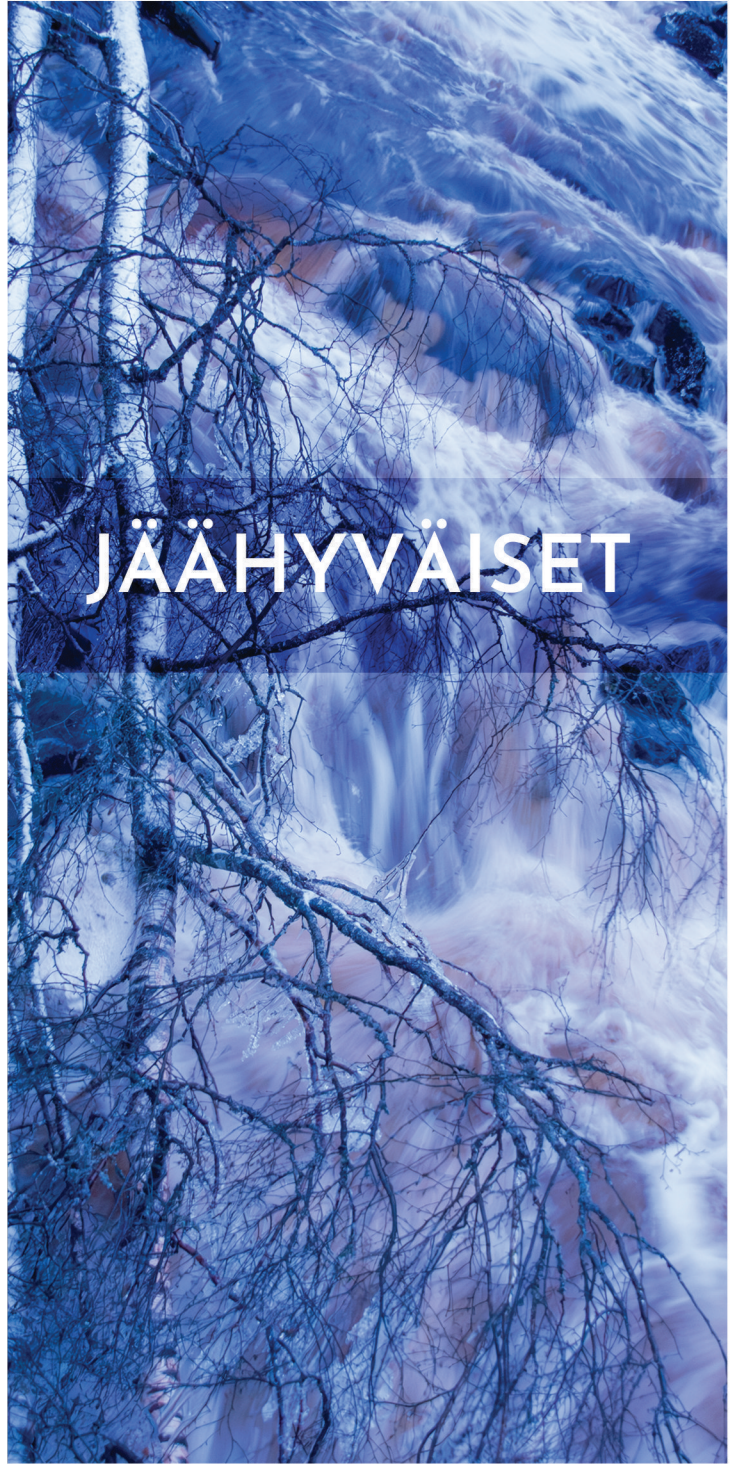
Kaikille rakkaillemme valossa

Olkoon tienne rauhallinen

ja löytäköön rakkautemme aina luoksenne

THE FAREWELL

JÄÄHYVÄISET



The Haven of Tomorrow

Goodnight my friend
I bid you farewell
At the harbor of tomorrow
Please brighten my days again
Bring me hope
Lift my thoughts
Into the Heavens
Your musings
Come to us
When our world was born
Time has no limit
Only life
Is the depth of
Your being

In the Sunset 4 Jun 2022



Huomisen satama

Hyvää yötä ystäväni
saattelen sinut
huomisen satamaan
kirkasta päiväni uudestaan
luo toivoa
nosta ajatukset
taivaisiin
sinun mietteesi
tulevat luoksemme
kun maailma syntyi
ajalla ei ole
rajaa
vain elämä
on olemuksesi
syvyys

Auringonlaskussa 4.6.2022





The Glimmer

Behind the frozen
Living snow
Resides a life
Pure, evergreen, and old
The trees have time to wait
For growth and light
Our lives
Much shorter
Should not be locked in ice
Spent living without hope

2018

Pilkahdus

Jäisen, elävän lumen takana
on elämä
puhdas, ikivihreä ja vanha
Puilla on aikaa odottaa
kasvua ja valoa
Lyhyen elämämme
ei pitäisi olla jäähän jähmettynyt
vaan täynnä toivoa

2018

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This poetry book takes you on a mystical journey of self-discovery, exploring the human frontier, life after death, and the timeless energy of love that connects us all. The author's aesthetic photography accompanies the poems.

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Bestselling author Maria Lehtman

"The poems in Footprints in Heaven are a testament to the power of hope and love - our eternal souls that seek out the light of the Universe. This marks the third and final volume of my poetic series, which began with Dew Drops in 2013 and continued through Dreaming Doors in 2018. My poetry shares glimpses into the afterlife and the possibility of reuniting with our loved ones. I hold no religion - only the Universe."

The Footprints in Heaven is Maria's third book and seventh international publishing including chapters in bestselling anthologies.



Maria is a Featured Contributor and Columnist at the award-winning new media agency BizCatalyst 360°. Her published work includes Motivation Champs Media collaboration with Char Murphy: Mission Hope, Thriving Through Seasons of the Soul; Mission Hope Volume 2, Inspirational Stories of Faith and Triumph, and Mission Hope Volume 3, The Power of Love; Sacred Stories collaboration: Chaos to Clarity, Sacred Stories of Transformational Change and Crappy to Happy, Sacred Stories of Transformational Joy.



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