

Writers Manual welcomes you!

Learn how to create a successful writing career!

An Interview With Marrily Runoona



Tell us a bit about yourself. What would you like us to know about you?

I am a Germany-based Zimbabwean poet and published author. I started writing poetry at the age of twelve. Several of my poems have been published in several journals, magazines and anthologies.

I feel so blessed to make part of Zimbabwe's poetry generation treading on the heels of leading poets like Chirikure Chirikure. I would like to present the positive side of Zimbabweans which has been outshined by the current political, social and economic crisis.

What are you doing now? (Career? Married? Single? Children? Pets?)

I am student at the University of Paderborn in Germany. I am single, without children and pets.

What is your favourite food?

Anything that suits my taste.

What is your favourite colour?

There are too many colours to choose a favourite. However, I am fond of blue.

What is your favourite sound?

Music.

Who is your favourite person?

The first and foremost is my mum, but I have to add my dad too. My parents loved me more than life itself and will always remain firm in my heart.

What is your favourite place?

Amsterdam.

What is your favourite memory?

My last day at primary school when I received the highest number of awards for the best pupil with a series of distinctions out of a total of 164 pupils.

What is your favourite article of clothing?

Preference depends on the occasion. I love clothes that fit me as if they were tailor-made, specifically for me.

What is your favourite word?

Merrily!

What is your favourite writers' quote and why?

Tis the good reader that makes the good book. - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Because it's true!

What is your most favourite quality about yourself?

I am out-spoken.

What is the least favourite quality about yourself?

None, I am content with all that I am.

If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would it be and why?

Home! That's where my heart is.

What inspires you to write and why?

I write because I have a message to deliver; something I have learnt, experienced and find worthy sharing.

What is your favourite book and why?

I have a bunch of favourites.

What is your favourite genre and why?

I have a passion for poetry. It's simply embedded within.

List your three favourite authors (any genre) and why?

There are countless talented authors whose works I greatly value among them Chenjerai Hove, John Grisham and William Shakespeare.

What do you think makes a writer successful?

Writing from the heart and getting inspiration from others.

What is it that makes you successful as a writer?

I am still working to become one.

What are your goals as a writer?

To write books worthy reading.

What is the best tip you can give to fellow writers?

Always choose an audience and write something appealing to your readers. Finding a publisher can be difficult at times. Just be patient, keep trying and don't quit.

What do you hope to provide your readers with through your writing?

Entertainment, inspiration and pleasant reads they will always remember and feel compelled to recommend farther.

List your three favourite online writer-resource sites and why (include URLs).

www.thewriterslife.net, www.organizedwriter.com , www.writing-world.com

I have learnt a lot from them all.

If you have published a book, tell us about your publishing success (title, publishing date and company, where it is available to purchase).

"We Belong to Each Other" (ISBN: 1-4241-2596-0) is my first book. It's a poetry anthology published on the 20th March 2006 and released on the 22nd May 2006 by Publish America. The book is available on the following online bookstores: Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Powell's` Books, Mellon's Books, Stratford Books, Lakeside Books, Abe books, Alibris, Quatermelon, Thalia, Neubuch24 and Sarl-Culture Factory.

My second book is "The Voice of The Voiceless" (Current is ISBN: 0-8059-8385-6, after January 2007, ISBN: 978-0-8059-8385-2). It's set for release in March 2007 by Red Lead Press. The book will be available for purchase in bookstores namely Red Lead Bookstore, Baker and Taylor, Books in Print and several others.

How long did it take you to write your book(s)?

A couple of months on and off. I had to concentrate on my studies too.

What would you do differently if you could repeat the same publishing experience?

Nothing.

What have you learned about the publishing world?

It's fascinating, dynamic and competitive.

This is your chance to 'Talk Back' to your readers. What would you like to say to them?

Thanks for showing interest in my work. I hope you will continue reading my books.

Visit my website on <http://mrunoona.de.tt> , sign my guestbook and write back telling me your opinions about my books.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

What's the one thing that you want them to know about your writing?

It's for you, written from the heart and available to purchase.