

# *Worthy of Consideration*

## *Poems by Robert H. Deluty*

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“Robert Deluty’s excellent new collection of short poems presents us with an intriguing dialectic, partly inspired by epigrams from the writer Hermann Hesse. On the one hand, for Hesse, ‘. . . every man’s story is important, eternal, sacred.’ On the other hand, Hesse tells us that his own story is ‘not sweet and harmonious’ but is filled with ‘folly and bewilderment’ – even madness. Deluty’s poems vibrate with this dynamic tension: sometimes evoking the eternal and sacred; sometimes reflecting human folly and bewilderment – and sometimes, both, as in ‘fundamentalists/ blasting Christian rock music/ at their Sikh neighbors.’ What allows Deluty’s poems to ‘work’ is his deep sympathy and understanding of the paradoxes of the human condition.”

Ronald Pies, M.D.

Author, *The Director of Minor Tragedies* and *The Three-Petalled Rose*

“Robert Deluty’s poetry encourages us to re-examine our ordinary waking moments, to see them as precious--indeed, as profoundly ‘worthy of consideration.’ He magnifies seemingly mundane sounds, sights, tastes, and feelings, allowing us to breathe anew. With mere fragments of lines, he gently prods us to change for the better by not taking our lives, and those of others, for granted.”

Joseph L. DeVitis, Ph.D.,

Co-Editor, *School Reform Critics: The Struggle for Democratic Schooling* and *Today’s College Students*

“The gifted Robert Deluty has done it again! *Worthy of Consideration* is another delightful collection of poems that are, in turn, insightful, touching, clever, droll, and sometimes laugh-out-loud hilarious. Some choice examples:

‘an only child/ fearing Mom’s mantelpiece/ has become his shrine’

‘a boy beginning/ his letter to Santa Claus/ with *Lemme explain*’

‘hitchhiker, trucker . . . / each worrying the other/ will commit murder’

‘the grammarian/ informing his girlfriend/ *You had me at whom*’”

Stephen E. Braude, Ph.D.

Author, *The Gold Leaf Lady and Other Parapsychological Investigations*

***Worthy of Consideration*** may be purchased at the UMBC Bookstore and at selected bookstores in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area. Those wishing to purchase the book directly from the author should send a check in the amount of \$19.95 (\$15.95 + \$4.00 s&h) made payable to Robert H. Deluty, 4783 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.