



Hello, Friends!



Happy Thanksgiving!

For those in the USA, and surrounding countries, Happy Thanksgiving. November, in the Northern Hemisphere, we are coming into our Winter months. For those, like me in upper NY State, it means snow.

I have often thought of moving down south to escape the cold and damp weather, but my husband, Skip, and I are here to be near our son and his wife, and to take care of my mother. We all have burdens to bear, and I do it with a cheerful, (and chilled to the bone cold body) but a warm and grateful heart that they are in my life.

November has two special celebrations. Veteran's Day, November 11th, and

Thanksgiving.

Two very different holidays, but both are very meaningful to those in the USA.

Veteran's Day honors our Servicemen and women that served in the wars our Country has experienced. And Thanksgiving, when peace was established between my ancestors and the Native tribes we over-threw. Of course, it isn't seen that way by many, but reality hits home pretty hard. We took over this country from the Indigenous people.

Our past is riddled with conquered and conquered. It isn't pretty to think about, so it is dressed up in Holiday format and passed off as a wonderful day to celebrate, eat, and give thanks. I imagine it depends on which side you view the feasting table.

It also helps me put into perspective the Black Lives Matter forum. It has been an issue from our Country on many platforms. We took the land from the Native people here, then brought in African people to work our lands. We went to war with the Mexican people, then imported them to work the land down south. We went to war with the Japanese people and proceeded to bring those of Asian descent here on our western coastlands to work for us.

There seems to be a pattern that has been overlooked by too many people. Wars are messy, and the realities of why they were fought and what they produced afterward, are also messy.

Now that it comes to light with the Black Lives movement, it isn't a pretty picture we offer the world about our Country. It's sad, distasteful, and is the reason so many keep sweeping it back under the rug, instead of acknowledging our ancestor's part, and us - in continuation on this commentary of discrimination and objectification of our varied peoples.

For those that are in the Celebrating mood, I want to say an extra prayer for those in the USA that will be experiencing a hectic Election on November 3rd. It has been filled with drama and strife. As usual, those running for office have bombarded us with countless advertisements and mud-slinging galore. I will be very glad when it is over. For me, an advertisement writer, it has been comical, disgusting, and dumbfounding!

Hopefully, our Holiday celebrations will be filled with family and close friends, albeit in mask wearing mode and safely distanced, for the festivities that will be taking place. I wish you all a very PEACEFUL, and a very warm and welcoming Happy Thanksgiving.

May God bless you and yours with bountiful blessings and gifts of good health, and a calmer realm to reside.

Kind regards,
Cynthia Saarie



Postings that made you laugh!

I post daily on LinkedIn and on my Facebook page, FanForevermore. Like my page and you will receive it in your feed, or Connect on LinkedIn.

"This is me at 80... and will be again at 90 and 100! I am a non-conformist! I refuse to let anyone tell me who or what I am going to be when I grow up. I don't think I'll grow up till I'm 105. Maybe not even then!"

Your Writing Lesson for November :)

Duotrain Poetry

A form invented by Bhaskar Datta of Allpoetry

It is a four stanza poem

It has no metric requirement but each stanza alternates between

eight and six-syllable lines. (8/6/8/6)

Each Stanza is required to begin with the same character of the alphabet.

These poems use the **ABCB rhyme scheme**. The ending words of lines two (B) and four (B) rhyme with each other. They are assigned the same letter (B) because they are "related" through rhyme. While the end words in lines one (A) and three (C) do not rhyme with each other and are therefore assigned different letters.

The following poems I wrote will give you two examples.

Last Days of Fall

by Cynthia Saarie

The sun was warm this shortened day
Our winter not far off
Reminding smells of fall's decay
Plays in a roadside trough.



Then saw the widening road ahead
And next to it - a path.
Debating which to follow through
Sat down and did the math.

The time allowed to walk today
The hours it would take.
I rested longer than I should
Time wasted in sun's wake.

The listing winds brushed through the trees,
The leaves in scattered rows.
Unwrapped my arms from 'round my knees
Eyes rested, time to go.



The Encounter

by Cynthia Saarie

Tread rustling bushes to my left
With what my ears provide.
I quickly turned and startled saw -
A deer with antlers wide.

Though surprise registered on both
We now stood - hoof to toe.
I was frozen by his presence
Caught hiding in his home.

Then bounding through the prickly brush
He blurted out at me.
Not happy I'd been standing there -
His home within the trees.

The screams I yelled while sprinting home
The deer gone long behind.

I'll dream about his majesty
There in his home sublime.

The Holidays are coming!

90% of websites have a video on their home landing page. Does Yours? Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year... how about a Social Media video for Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram? A 1-minute video promoting You, Your Business, or a Special Promo for \$150.

Good now until December 31st.

Mention you saw this on my website or in my newsletter to get your discount. One per business.

Sample video below, email me at Cynthia@CynthiaSaarie.com

Don't delay, this will be an extremely busy Holiday Season!



<https://youtu.be/QZvLtriAr6E>

Sample promotional video.

**Happy Holidays,
Cynthia Saarie**

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