



## Free Hugs

### Blurb

The thirteenth book by Jefferson Carter, *Free Hugs* collects poems from his four most recent books, *Get Serious*, *Diphtheria Festival*, *Birkenstock Blues*, and *Yesternow*, and adds to this selection over twenty new poems. Carter's poetry is direct, clear, accessible, often wise, and always funny.

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**Author Website** can be found [HERE](#)

## Reviews (Amazon)

*Jefferson Carter, a satirist who understands irony, pokes fun at himself and others. In poems with topics such as aging, music, gated communities, home repair, shopping, parenting, and being online, readers recognize themselves and smile, and even laugh aloud. His subject is life today, and his temperament eschews the superficial. With integrity, his being true to the poem, Carter gets away with things others couldn't, because he is good—with sound, rhythm, imagery, and the line. The voice readers hear is friendly and inclusive. Never violating the unwritten social contract between writer and reader, Free Hugs is politically incorrect in a correct way, talking about topics such as: Thomas Jefferson's slaves, colonoscopy preps and get rich quick schemes, designer soap, sex for sale, gurus & legal aliens, self-adsorbed poets, air-brushed models, the perfect body, Scientology, hospice as a metaphor for life, Shirley MacLaine's spiritual journey, carbon anti-shock trekking poles, the Old Testament, raging heterosexuality, my life partner (the woman formerly known as my wife), clothing-optional yoga, Mr. & Mrs. MAGA, liberal guilt, blogging, and Ernest Hemingway's shotgun. In poem after poem, Carter enlightens and entertains.*

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*I really liked the look and feel of this book. It was well organized, and it seemed to be chock full of poems with a variety of themes and wonderful messages. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving and I will truly continue to read and re-read this over and over again. I give it two thumbs up.*

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*This collection is so exciting! I read a lot of contemporary poetry, and these are REALLY GOOD poems. Jefferson Carter's work stands out. He has a unique voice - clear, modest, and wise. Pleasantly eccentric, he has a great sense of humour, even self-deprecating, at times. The poems are deeply personal, creating an intimacy with the reader. So glad I ordered it.*

Further reviews are available on the author's website.