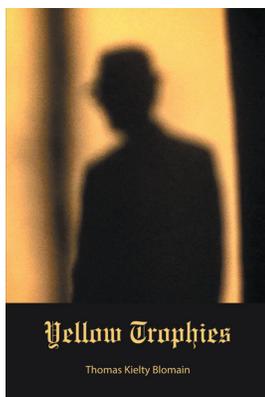


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Tom Blomain was born in Scranton in 1957, attending parochial school until his family moved to the suburb of Clarks Summit, where he went to public school. There, he was part of a crew named Most Mischievous in their high school yearbook. His record for suspensions may still stand today. He attended nearby Keystone Junior College and graduated from Dickinson College. He was founding editor of the short-lived *Northeast Magazine*, before following in his family-line business of insurance, acquiring various professional designations in the industry, while remaining active in the region's arts community. His first book of poems entitled *Gray Area* was published by Nightshade Press in 2004, for which he also served as editor of the subsequent *5 Poets* collection. His second book, *Blues From Paradise*, was released by Foothills Publishing in 2014. His poetry has also appeared in several anthologies and periodicals. A songwriter, reasonably good singer and guitar player, he also writes stories and likes to draw. Occasionally, he co-produces a poetry and music show called *Graffiti* for Electric City Television. He lives in Scranton's historic Hill Section with his wife, Jessica.

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