

Contributor Biographies

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Martine Bellen is the author of six collections of poetry, including *The Vulnerability of Order* (Copper Canyon Press); *Tales of Murasaki and Other Poems* (Sun & Moon Press), which won the National Poetry Series Award; and *Places People Dare Not Enter* (Potes & Poets Press). She has written the libretto for *Ovidiana*, an opera based on Ovid's *Metamorphoses* (composer, Matthew Greenbaum) that has been performed in New York City and Philadelphia, and she is collaborating with the composer David Rosenboom on an opera based on the *Diamond Sutra*, entitled *Ah!* A former editor at Carroll & Graf Publishers, Ms. Bellen went into business in 2001 as an independent editor and book doctor. Since that time, books she has edited include *Magic Time* by Doug Marlette, *After Fidel* by Brian Latell, and *Harpsong* by Rilla Askew. To find more information, visit her website: www.martinebellen.com.

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Paulette Callen's poems, stories, and essays have appeared in small journals and literary publications, most recently in *Tapestries* (October 2005) and previously: *Outerbridge*, *WOMANNEWS*, *Horses All* (published in Canada), *Cats!*, and *The Animals' Voice*. She is a frequent contributor to *Between the Species: A Journal of Ethics* published by the Albert Schweitzer Foundation at Berkeley. Her poetry has been included in anthologies: *Women and Death* (Ground Torpedo Press), *Cats' Meow* (Maine Rhoads), and *Beyond Lament: Poets of the World Bearing Witness to the Holocaust* (Northwestern University Press). Callen works in the communications department of a large corporation.

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