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Award- Winning Poet James W.A.'s Third Poetry Collection Releases

Finality of the Heart is a story-telling poetry collection told through four perspectives about the muse character Ella. Foundations gives the reader the backstory of the love story of Ella and the poet character James. Faith gives the reader an in-depth look into the way faith plays a part in any love story, and offers reflective pieces on forgiveness, God's unconditional love, and the perseverance to not give up, Forever gives the reader the love story of Ella and James if it were to work out for the best, and Failure is about self-doubt, insecurity, and the grief of a broken heart. Releasing today from Willheart Publishing, James W.A. 's third poetry release is sure to take readers on a journey of the many facets of what makes up a human heart.

About the book: **In another poetry collection, award-winning author James W. A. weaves the tale of a boy in love with a girl named Ella. Told across four sections, the themes in the individual poems progress from the newfound bliss of a budding relationship to the discernment of what it means for them, through the eyes of faith. From there, our story finds itself with two endings. In one, Ella and the speaker find lasting joy with each other and live their Forever. In another, the speaker is judged to be a Failure and must grapple with the sorrow of that future. No matter the true ending, this collection contains poems about love, loss, purpose, relationship with God and others, and what it means to embrace, for good or for ill, the Finality of the Heart.**

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Tampa Poet Published in Literary Magazine Neptune

James W.A. is no stranger to epiphanies but recently he received his first credit in a literary magazine in Tampa based bi-annual journal Neptune. His poem, *Words Among Ashes*, talks about his life as a writer, and all that it encompasses. You can check out his and other poets work in the newest issue of Neptune which you can find at the following link:

<https://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/10229810/dde501e6de9c36500760aeb56a92d696b0fb-c39a> Congratulations James at such an epiphanic achievement.

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Tampa Poet Celebrates Recent 'Epiphany'

James W.A. recently won two Bookfest Awards for his second collection *Desolation and Epiphany*. He won both for Outstanding Cover Art, Second Place and Contemporary Poetry-Modern, Third Place. Both awards were awarded during the Spring Bookfest Ceremony ending on April 7, 2024. You can see a list of past and previous winners on Bookfest's website here: <https://www.thebookfest.com/book-awards-spring-2023-first-place/> Congratulations to James and artist Ashton Lay for their subsequent award wins.

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Tampa Poet of 'Desolation & Epiphany' 2024 Schedule of Appearances

If you are looking to meet indie author and Tampa poet James W.A. known for his collections *In The Library* and recent release *Desolation & Epiphany*, you are in luck as he has many appearances scheduled in 2024 in a city near you:

On February 17, 2024 James will appear at the Indie Book Fair in Orlando, FL at the Hilton Hotel Downtown near Lake Eola from 10a.m.-2p.m. For more information and to contact the host, visit www.indiebookfair.net.

On March 23, 2024 James will appear at the New Port Richey Library's Local Author Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Downtown New Port Richey, FL. For more information, contact Tomas Monzon, the library's event coordinator.

On March 24, 2024 James will appear at the Orange County Library's Local Author Fair from 2-4p.m. For more information, contact Sarah Fisk Orange County's Event Program Coordinator.

On April 20, 2024 James will appear at the Starkey Ranch Cultural Library in Odessa, FL for the Local Author Fair. Details soon to come. For more information, contact Jayde Archibold.

All James appearances will include the chance to purchase copies of James's book *Desolation & Epiphany*.

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Tampa Native Releases Brand New Poetry Collection Celebrating Trials and Triumphs of His Personal Journey



Tampa, FL native James W. A. releases his sophomore collection *Desolation & Epiphany*. The book officially released on October 1, 2023 with a release party being held at Coppertail Brewing Company in Tampa, FL. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other online retailers. To see pictures from his festive release party, visit https://www.instagram.com/p/Cx8MkXwsnmh/?img_index=1.

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About the Smart Cookie Philes:

The Smart Cookie Philes is a book and music publicity firm that specializes in helping it's clients feel confident in expressing themselves and telling and spreading the word about their art. It was founded on January 18, 2016 by Chelsea DeVries, who has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing and a minor in International Hospitality and Tourism from Saint Leo University. After 2 years of unpaid internships, DeVries took everything she learned along with her autistic special interests of books, music, and writing, and started her own company which began as book and music review blog. Following an internship with pop star Rachel Platten, she was prepared to fight for her right to work and succeed in the industry and began the PR side of the company in 2017. Following launching the PR side, she launched her cookie based merch line called Cookies For a Cause raising money for various causes she was passionate about with the main message of all the designs being to promote and forward advocacy for literacy and youth literacy. Going on almost 8 years in business, DeVries hopes The Smart Cookie Philes will inspire any and all people to feel free to espresso themselves however they choose always.

Media and Appearances

Desolation and Epiphany Kirkus Review

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/james-w/desolation-and-epiphany/>

Gems Podcast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbSGWjy3JAc>

Neptune Magazine (Spring 2024)

[Purchase a copy here](#)

Winner of Two Spring 2024 Bookfest Awards (April 2024)

https://www.thebookfest.com/award_entries/desolation-and-epiphany/

Gone (April 2024)

<https://www.thesecondsocietyofpoetry.com/news-3/gone>

Made For Others (April 2024)

<https://www.thesecondsocietyofpoetry.com/news-3/made-for-others>

Touch (April 2024)

<https://www.thesecretsocietyofpoetry.com/news-3/touch>

Poetic Perspective: James W.A.: (April 2023):

<https://thesmartcookiephiles.com/2023/04/26/poetic-perspective-james-w-a/>

Coppertail Brewing Release Party (September 30, 2023):

https://www.instagram.com/p/Cx8MkXwsnmh/?img_index=1