

Blue Deer: Four Generations of Poetry

Blue Deer: Four Generations of Poetry, is a collection of work by the author, her father, a son, and three grandchildren, covering a span of 65 years.

The selections range from simple rhymes and free verse through sonnets, haiku and other forms. Two concrete or shape poems are included, as well as the title piece written in Scottish dialect.

The moods range from playful to serious, sad to joyful.

Topics include Childhood, Nature, Relationships, Special Forms, Outside the Box, and Just for Fun.

Poets in Blue Deer:

Colleen Slater wrote her first poem by age seven, and some of her early pieces are included in this book.

James McCourt O'Hara grew up in a family and community that loved music and stories. He emigrated from Scotland in 1930, and entertained his children with tales created on the spot.

Robert Slater, teacher, writer, musician, actor, playwright, lives in Bellingham, WA. His short stories and poetry have appeared in several publications and online.

Sheridan Slater attends Western Washington University, pursuing a degree "in everything." She is on the WWU debate team and on the Shakespeare NorthWest board.

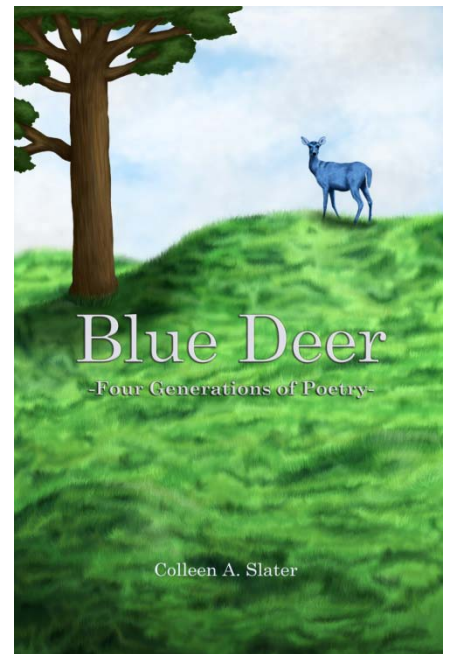
Ian Slater, an eighth grader at Shuksan Middle School in Bellingham, plays classical cello, and has performed with many local theatre groups.

Sarah Slater of Bremerton is a senior at Insight School of Washington. Drawing is one of her main interests. She designed the book cover and contributed line drawings for a few of the poems.

Reviewer comments: delightful; moving, thought-provoking collection; varied selections with some obvious favorites; A glimpse in time via a unique multi-generational compilation of captivating musings.

Colleen Slater is the author of *The Key Peninsula*, a pictorial history of the area in Puget Sound where her ancestors settled in the early 1900s, where she was raised and returned to live when her husband retired. She is a columnist and feature writer for several local newspapers, and her work has been featured in magazines, local anthologies, and online. She lives and writes in Vaughn, Washington.

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