



Seven excerpts from **IndependentBookReview.com's** upcoming review of ***The Humbling and Other Poems***:

- "A passionate love letter to poetry, swirling with buoyant optimism and a readiness to look beyond the horizon of self..., Robert J. Tiess's *The Humbling and Other Poems* may be a collection of poems, but it branches beyond this by its final page."
- "There is a thread through them all, a shimmering connective filament of compassion, humility, and warmth that makes the disparate thoughts ring with a tuned cohesion."
- "Tiess is a poet in love with poetry, prepared to help the reader find a similar path to the joys of the medium."
- "You will ride to the stars and back, held aloft by the author's continual sense of warm compassion, diligent curiosity, and grounded humanity."
- "The Humbling offers a tastefully bated hook for readers who have not yet found the joys that poetry can bring"
- "...the work rings with a refreshing humility that only ever welcomes in the reader...."
- "These poems are a pleasing and cozy showcase of the genre that are sure to delight."

The **complete review** (written by Joshua Ryan Bligh of *IBR*) **will be** posted in the future at www.IndependentBookReview.com

The full review is also available (with permission from *IBR*) at [the author's website \(PDF\)](#).