



## The Biggest Valley: Poems from California's Heartland

### SEEKING POEMS

*The Biggest Valley: Poems from California's Heartland* will showcase poems written by individuals who were born, raised, or have lived or worked for at least five or more years in California's Central Valley. The anthology will be published by Sugartown Publishing in the spring of 2016.

We seek poems that engage the region's unique history and natural beauty as well as its environmental, agricultural, and manufacturing heritages and challenges. We also welcome poems about Valley people. Unusual topics, themes, or styles are also welcome.

Preference will be for poems of fewer than 60 lines. Haiku, brief and humorous verse welcomed, but *no doggerel please*. We will look for broad representation from all regions of both the upper, Sacramento and lower, San Joaquin valleys, as well as from diverse ethnic communities. Poems written in other languages *will definitely* be considered (as long as an English translation is also provided).



### WHAT TO SEND

- *Up to five poems*: Each poem should be on a separate sheet of paper, or clearly separated with a page-break in your doc or pdf file.
- Each page should have in the upper-right hand corner the following: the poem's title, your name, your street, city, zip; your email address and phone number; and if you have a website or blog, that info, as well.
- Please include a separate cover page with the titles of your submitted poems and a brief biographical sketch of yourself (we *discourage* lists of where you have published or contests you have won); we prefer to hear more about your personal life, work, family history (especially if related to the valley), where you grew up, etc.



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**or: Submit by email:**  
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Put "Biggest Valley"  
in your subject line.



Selected poets will receive one complimentary copy of the book and a 20% discount on subsequent purchases. There is no fee or expense expected from any contributor, however, your *self-addressed stamped envelope* for return correspondence is appreciated.

**Submission deadline: August 30, 2015**

**Acceptance or rejection notification: January 1, 2016**

**Expected publication date: April-May 2016**