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New poetry book by former resident inspires life and art

Banner Staff Report

CHICAGO, Ill – Usiku.net has announced the publication of *Eloquence: Rhythm & Renaissance* by Usiku. *Eloquence* is literary poetry, prose and short stories in layman’s terms. The collection expresses appreciation and love for self, family, courage, nature, spirit and creative processes.

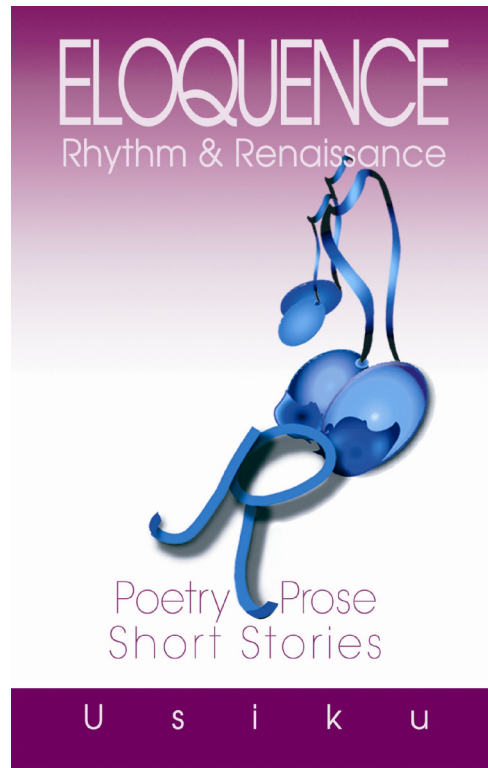
“I met Usiku once, nearly six years ago. I have never forgotten him . . . neither have my students. I could sense his poetic power from the beginning,” said Darlene E. Erickson, Ph.D., Professor, Division of English, Master Teacher in the Humanities, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus. Erickson is the author of *Illusion is More Precise than Precision: The Poetry of Marianne Moore*.

Eloquence is a refreshing poetic alternative infused with a lifelong love of spiritual things and a love for the natural world. The book contains several references to aspects of West Virginia. The short story, “Buffalo Creek Crossing,” will be familiar to anyone growing up in a small, southern community.

“Virtual Love is one of my favorites. Buffalo Creek Crossing comes alive for me. *Eloquence* has uplifted me more than anything else.” —Pamela C., Teays, WV

A Logan County native, Usiku is the son of Octavia Sharp Binder and the grandson of Ola Mae Robinson, both of Kistler. He is a 1981 graduate of Man High School, 1985 graduate of Concord University and a 1998 graduate of University of Illinois at Chicago. His love for the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains is evident. “Blue Hawk, Red Heart” is an example of this affection. His writing has appeared in newspapers, magazines and books including the *Dana Literary Society* and poetry anthologies by June Cotner.

Usiku.net is an online provider of hardcover and electronic books. Read excerpts and find out more about *Eloquence: Rhythm & Renaissance* at www.usiku.net.



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