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First-Time Author Expresses No Limits in Poetry or Life in “Eloquence”

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Spirituality, creativity, individualism, inspiration and love are merged together in Usiku's new release “Eloquence: Rhythm & Renaissance.

Usiku, whose name means night in Swahili, encourages appreciation for the art in nature, individuals, our culture, and blessings in his book of short stories and poems.

“I've been writing them over the past several years and I finally decided to pull them together instead of trying to publish them individually in journals, newspapers and magazines,” he said.

This is Usiku's first release. While publishing “Eloquence,” the author says it took lots of dedication and commitment to make this production a reality. “It's a relief that it has been accomplished,” he stated. “It's rewarding having nothing and then having a finished product in my hands.”

The *Eloquence* author says that he's always had a love for poetry as a pastime since he was in high school. “As I worked and realized that what I was doing wasn't fulfilling, I would just write about things as life was going on.” he said. “Then I recognized that this must be something that I like to do.”

There are 50 pieces of short poems and short stories. Setting the tone is the poem named after the book's title, “Eloquence,” which is Usiku's favorite. “It really talks about art and life, and its connection between the two,” he says. “Since it's the main title, it really sets the whole tone for the book.”

Other pieces featured include: “To: Natural, My Love,” and “I Won't Hurt You In a Way That I Know Will,” “Fanta's Sky,” and “Power & Glory.” Usiku says he uses poetry and short stories to express life's essential lessons.

Usiku recently was at a book signing in Thornton. Released this year, Usiku says that more than 20 people have admired his work. “Some people have commented that they get a sense of peace, soothing and relaxation from it,” says Usiku, who hopes to publish 10 books in the future. “So I just try to go with the spirit and follow whichever way it leads me to bringing the message across.”

For more information about how to purchase, “Eloquence: Rhythm & Renaissance,” visit www.usiku.net. He can also be reached by e-mail at usiku@usiku.net or at (773) 580-3255.