

T Mayu Bogollagama

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Basic Information



Name: T Mayu Bogollagama
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Honor:	Unknown

1. Early Life

T. Mayu Bogollagama is a published poet. He was the 1990 Virginia High School outdoor track and field 3200m state champion, which earned him a spot on the prestigious Washington Post's All-Metropolitan Team. Subsequently, Georgetown University recruited him to attend as a scholarship student-athlete. While an undergraduate at Georgetown University, Bogollagama volunteered as a literacy tutor for DC under-privileged students through the DC Schools Project, founded by his mentor and jurist Ricardo M. Urbina, and participated as a tutor at Sursum Corda, another literacy tutoring project founded by Georgetown University in the late 1960s at the request of late Father Horace McKenna SJ and the late attorney general Robert F. Kennedy; Bogollagama was appointed by the program's academic director, Professor John C. Hirsh, to serve as assistant organizer of the Sursum Corda 25th anniversary celebration in Spring 1995, where he met late Father Robert Drinen SJ who had a real and lasting influence on Bogollagama while shepherded his law school admission process.

He first conceived a passion for romantic verse while majoring in English at Georgetown University. His first volume of poetry *Moons of Desire* was written while he was completing his M.A. at Georgetown in 1996.

2. Poetry

Moons of Desire was published in 2008, accompanied by a dedication to Diana, Princess of Wales as a gesture of appreciation for her charitable contributions. The kindness epitomized by the life of Princess Diana continues to serve as a source of inspiration to the poet.

Bogollagama's *Salute to Serendipity*, second book of love poems, both romantic and satirical in nature, was published in 2012. It was composed in honor of the island of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), also known as Serendib several thousand years ago, from which the word "Serendipity", meaning happy accident or good fortune was coined. Bogollagama was born in Colombo, Ceylon, on July 4, 1971 when the island was part of the UK Commonwealth with Queen Elizabeth II serving as head of state. His memories of formative years growing up in the paradise settings of the island inspired the title *Salute to Serendipity*.

Genres of Love, Bogollagama's third book of love poems, which deals with themes of romantic and platonic love, was published in 2015. This work emphasizes the varying nature of love typical to that of platonic relationships to romantic acts. Bogollagama has dedicated this book to his mother with whom he remains very close.

Hearts of Truism is dedicated to actress Angelina Jolie for her humanitarian efforts. Having written this book over a period of two years, Bogollagama gets in touch with his kindness and wholeheartedness as a person. Jolie's unending and selfless acts to help woman and refugees particularly earned his respect to find a way to honor her via the humble dedication of *Hearts of Truism*.

Karmic Kindness is Bogollagama's fifth book of love poetry published by Olympia Publishers in the UK in 2020. Writing *Karmic Kindness* during the covid pandemic reminded Bogollagama the importance of the survival of human beings, especially through the medium of kindness, which he aims to perfect practicing every day.

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