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Patrick M. Pilarski's new book *Huge Blue* to be published by Leaf Press

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Patrick M. Pilarski's newest book contract is good news for both poetry fans and lovers of western Canadian travel. Pilarski's first full-length poetry collection, *Huge Blue*, will be published in trade paperback by Leaf Press (Lantzville, BC) in the fall of 2009.

"I'm positively thrilled," said Pilarski. "Leaf Press was my first choice as a home for *Huge Blue*. I can't think of another publisher I would rather have presenting the collection—it seems like such a great fit. Leaf Press has published some amazing books and chapbooks, and I'm honoured to be joining their catalogue."

A full-length collection of poetic travel sketches, *Huge Blue* explores the Canadian west and the relationship humans have with the natural world. Its presentation of selected short-form poetry—haiku, tanka, haibun, senryu, and quatrains—makes *Huge Blue* a direct and accessible poetic tour guide to Canada's stunning and evocative western landscape.

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About the Author:

Patrick M. Pilarski lives in Edmonton, Canada. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in computer engineering at the University of Alberta, and is the co-editor of *DailyHaiku* (www.dailyhaiku.org), an international journal of contemporary English language haiku. Patrick's poetry and reviews have appeared or are forthcoming in a number of journals in Canada, the United States, Europe, and Japan, including *PRISM international*, *The Antigonish Review*, *Literary Review of Canada*, *The Prairie Journal*, *Other Voices*, *Frogpond*, *Modern Haiku*, and on CBC Radio One. His first full-length collection, *Huge Blue* (2009), is forthcoming from Leaf Press, and he is the author of one chapbook of experimental haiku and haibun: *Five Weeks* (2007).

About the Publisher:

Leaf Press is an independent poetry publisher based out of Lantzville, British Columbia, with a history of producing beautifully designed and award winning books and chapbooks by new and established Canadian authors. *Website and contact:* (<http://www.leafpress.ca>)

About the Book:

Poems from *Huge Blue* have previously appeared or are forthcoming in *Asahi Haikuist Network*, *bottle rockets*, *Chrysanthemum*, *contemporary haibun online*, *DailyHaiku*, *Frogpond*, *Haiku Canada Review*, *Modern English Tanka*, *Modern Haiku*, *Ribbons*, *Roadrunner Haiku Journal*, *Simply Haiku*, *White Lotus*, *Wisteria*, and several anthologies.

More information about the book, the author, and short-form poetry is available on request. Promotional photos are also available on request, or online at www.pilarski.ca

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