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FIVE WEEKS by P.M.PILARSKI — CHAPBOOK LAUNCH

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Engineering Student Releases New Chapbook of Poetry

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Patrick M. Pilarski, Edmonton poet and University of Alberta computer engineering graduate student, announced today the July 25th launch of his first chapbook of haiku and haibun poetry, *Five Weeks* (2007). Written and designed by Pilarski, the chapbook brings a contemporary twist to two established but relatively uncommon poetic forms. “Haiku is blossoming in Edmonton. We have a rapidly growing haiku and haibun poetry community, and volumes like *Five Weeks* are testament to that growth and excitement,” said Pilarski.

Five Weeks (ISBN 978-1-4303-2050-0) is a 48 page perfect-bound volume of poetry that examines the world through the use of highly visual haiku and haibun poetry. Said Thomas Trofimuk, Edmonton author and director of *The Roar Spoken Word Poetry Festival*, in his 2007 Great Summer Reads list: “Patrick’s new chapbook to be launched this summer [is] a perfect mid-summer read. A mix of haiku, haibun...very clever, touching, poignant.”

In addition to his work at the University of Alberta, where he researches computer vision for use in rapid cancer diagnosis, Pilarski co-edits the international haiku journal *DailyHaiku*; his poetry has appeared in both print and online journals, and on *CBC Radio One*. Said Pilarski, with a mischievous smile: “Edmonton has such a vibrant literary community that even engineers are publishing books of poetry! I hope this chapbook will help break down some of the common misconceptions about the artistic potential of scientists of engineers.”

BACKGROUND

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About the launch and reception:

Wednesday, July 25th, 8:00pm

The Kasbar Lounge (under Yianni's Taverna, 10444 – 82 ave., Edmonton, AB)

Doors open at 7:00pm, reading at 8:00pm, refreshments, books sales, signing, and prize draws to follow. Evening hosted and introduced by *DailyHaiku* founder Mike Gravel. Throughout the evening copies of the chapbook will be on sale at special launch discount price of \$10.

About the author (<http://pilarski.ca/>):

Patrick M. Pilarski is pursuing a Ph.D. in computer engineering at the University of Alberta. His work focuses on the use of computer intelligence and computer vision to rapidly and inexpensively diagnose and identify cancer and other forms of disease in patients. His most recent scientific article appeared in December 2006, in the journal *Optics Express*. He co-edits the international haiku journal *DailyHaiku*; his poetry has appeared in both Canada and the USA, on audio CD, and on *CBC Radio One*. He performs regularly in Edmonton.

About the book (<http://pilarski.ca/books/>):

Five Weeks is a 48 page perfect-bound trade paperback book of trim size 6" x 9" (ISBN 978-1-4303-2050-0). It consists of a preface and series of haiku and haibun poetry that explores humanity and its relationship to the world.

"Five weeks, five petals, five different views on life. A chapbook of haiku and haibun, Five Weeks takes the reader on a journey through the raw expanse of nature and the raw expanse of the human heart. A beautiful visual examination of what it means to be."

Five Weeks is now available online via major sellers such as Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Borders, through wholesalers in the USA and the UK. Printing and distribution is done through Lulu.com, a premier online marketplace that provides a platform for people to create, buy, sell and control digital content on demand.

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