

RHYMES FOR ALL TIMES

Rhymes for all times is a 96-page book of 33 poems, written by Alexander Velky, beautifully designed and typeset by Zef Cherry-Kynaston, published by Doubtist Books, for sale on www.doubtist.com for £10.00 (+ P&P).

Alexander Velky's second book *Rhymes for all times* aims to use poetry – often simple in form, and usually rhyming – to explore the relationship between history and truth.

To mark the publication, Velky hosted a book launch in London on December 1st, 2015, at which he declared independence from the UK and announced the foundation of the Most Serene Republic of Landskeria, a new micronation enclaved within rural Pembrokeshire.

The poems in this book were written over six years from 2009–2015. Two (“John Simpson’s burka” and “Sonnets from the corners of the map”) were shortlisted in the Live Canon International Poetry Competition, in 2013 and 2014. One (“Kuzka’s mother”) was shortlisted in the Poetic Republic competition in 2014. *Rhymes for all times* is Velky’s second volume in the Has Doubts series: conceptual poetry books focusing on important human problems, and aiming to use poetry as a means to question established modes of thinking.

Velky reads and performs at open mic nights in West Wales. His YouTube videos total just under 4,000 views. Velky’s 2013 debut *Mistaken for art or rubbish* was reviewed by New Welsh Review and Sidekick Books. It sold over 100 copies across four continents and was praised by artist/musician Bill Drummond and Slovenian artist Damien Hirst, among others. The poems are available to read for reference at doubtist.com/mistaken-for-art-or-rubbish.

Both books were entirely funded by pre-orders on crowdfunding site Kickstarter and published by Doubtist Books. Other “rewards” offered included paintings, handwritten poems, commissions, and certificates bestowing honorary citizenship of Velky’s micronation.

Praise and condemnation for Velky:

“We’re big fans.” – Live Canon

“Mad, good, and dangerous to know.” – Mark Fiddes

“Read, understood and valued ... also enjoyed.” – Bill Drummond

“Disappointingly traditional and pedestrian.” – Simon Turner

“He probably thinks this is clever.” – João Morais

“Pretentious hipster scum.” – someone on YouTube

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