

# JEREMY MARK RITCH

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Jeremy Ritch is a self-taught artist and poet originally from Cleveland, Ohio. His work is reflective of his lifelong struggles with mental illness and addiction. Having taken a non-traditional approach to his career, Jeremy has been creating for 20+ years despite very little accolades or attention. His story is one of struggle, failure, perseverance and rebirth. The themes in Jeremy's work vary from dealings with mental illness to addiction, diving into the very dark and resurfacing with the extremely hopeful, always drawing on his unique perspectives and experiences. Whether it is poetry or art, the pieces are genuine and honest, never compromising for the sake of making people comfortable.

## EDUCATION

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- Graduate of St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford Ohio, 1994
- Graduate of Cuyahoga Community College: Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies 2020
- Currently attending Kent State University: Major: Peace & Conflict Studies, Minor: Creative Writing

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### *Poetry Books*

Ritch, Jeremy Mark, If God Is A Man Then The Earth Is A Widow, 2020  
Ritch, Jeremy Mark, Blue Blazer Blues, KDP 2020  
Ritch, Jeremy Mark, I'd Drown Myself But Hope Floats, KDP 2020  
Ritch, Jeremy Mark., The Heart Is A Tree Cut Down, CreateSpace, 2018.  
Ritch, Jeremy, Love Letters to Broken Lovers, LULU, 2016  
Ritch, Jeremy, Rock N Roll Tiger, LULU, 2015  
Ritch, Jeremy, Sidewalk Stories and other Poems, LULU, 2013

### *Spoken Word Albums*

"A Poet's Heart Is A Severed Head" ©2019 Jeremy Mark Ritch

### *Exhibitions*

- Ohio Art League Fall Show 2019
- Gastronomy Show – PRAMA Art Space 2020
- CPF Kerala-Cleveland Photo Exchange Show 2021

## OTHER

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- Cleveland's Humanities Festival & Literary Cleveland's Staged Reading 2019
- Featured Reader Loganberry Books January 2018