



# Some Half-Human Creature Thing

Paul Edward Costa

**Discover a unique addition to the literary and poetry works of Paul Edward Costa (He/Him), whose reputation as an original and important voice continues to grow**

Paul Edward Costa is an award-winning poet, spoken word artist, former Poet Laureate of the City of Mississauga, and a full member of the League of Canadian Poets. He won the 2019 Mississauga Arts Council's Emerging Literary Arts Award and has been published widely. His first book of poems, *The Long Train of Chaos*, was published in 2019, followed by his book of flash fiction, *God Damned Avalon* from Mosaic Press in 2021.

With a significant presence as a spoken-word artist, Paul's work can be found on various online platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

*"In this collection of my poetry, I use a descriptive, direct and narrative style to create metaphors and allegories which are clearly visceral while stimulating the intellect. There is a dry humour/satirical element to some poems' explorations of power and those oppressed by it. It also contains my personal reflections in the face of those systems of power."*

— Paul Edward Costa

## What critics have said about his literary work:

*"Paul's collection demonstrates his unique ability to couple the fantastical with the concrete, creating dreamlike (yet realistic) worlds for the reader to explore while pondering the great questions of life, love and death."*

— Michelle Hillyard,

Poet, Art Bar Co-Director and Board Member of the Mississauga Writers

*"Using paradox, imagery, and symbolism, Paul Edward Costa invites us into what may seem otherworldly at first, but the universe that he so cleverly conjures up couldn't be any closer to the human condition and our unrelenting fate as earthlings. The duality of beauty and pain, of life and death, or hope and despair is hidden masterfully in the stories of this collection."*

— Efetobore Mike-Ifeta, Poet



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**PAUL EDWARD COSTA** held the position of Poet Laureate for the City of Mississauga from 2019-2021. He has an enormous reputation as a writer, spoken word artist and teacher and has featured at many poetry readings. He has published over 60 poems and stories in literary journals and in 2019 he received the Mississauga Arts Council 2019 MARTY Award for Emerging Literary Arts. Paul lives in Mississauga and is a teacher in a local high school.

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