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Subject	Sender	Date
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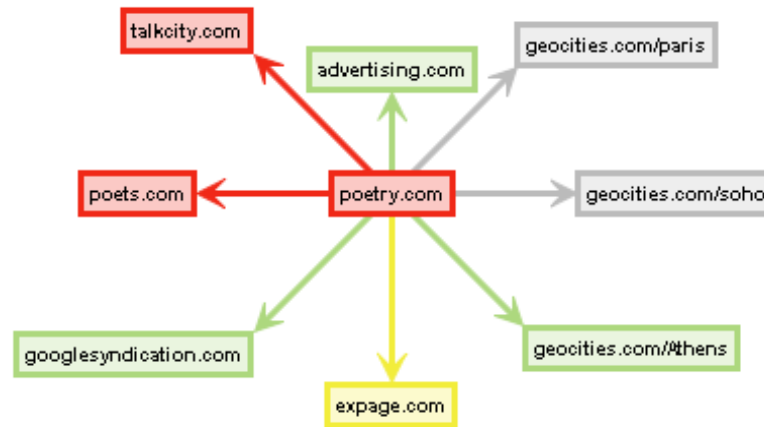
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USER REVIEW SUMMARY FOR POETRY.COM ?

Misleading site. [Reported]

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- This site is good (4)
- This site spams (3)
- Adware, spyware, or viruses (0)
- Browser exploit (0)
- Excessive popups (0)
- Phishing or other scams (10)
- Bad shopping experience (6)



POETRY.COM WEB SITE OWNER COMMENTS (0) ?

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USER REVIEWS (26) ?

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Rating: Phishing or other scams

I submitted a poem here and got a letter in about 2 or 3 months saying that I have to send \$250 dollars in to receive a reward I thought this isnt right so I looked them up on the internet and sure enough they were a scam.

Posted at 09/12/2007-04:34:48 AM by Shippo, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Phishing or other scams

I entered my poem into the contest about a month ago. Soon afterwards I recieved an e-mail saying it was a monthly finalist. Then I got an order form in the mail to order a pricey anthology. The only reason I didn't follow through on buying it was because I kept getting e-mails from the site and its affiliates asking me for my money. They wanted me to pay them for awards I had recieved. That was by far the stupidist thing I'd ever heard. I HAD TO PAY SOMEONE TO RECIEVE AN AWARD. I was so good that they wanted to give me an expensive gift - but it was maybe worth more than my talent. This site is ok for reading other peoples poems that they post if you like to browse. However, I definitely have to question the legitimacy of the contest they offer.

Posted at 09/01/2007-10:09:06 PM by meangreen, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Phishing or other scams

Poetry.com is unreliable, and only ok if you do not part with money - having said that though, I would wonder if posting your genuine original poetry at a site like this is very smart, because who knows what they do with those poems. They sent me a rather flattering letter and certificate. I fell for it and shelled out about USD 100 for a hardbound book which never arrived. Later I got an email from someone named Howard Ely offering me some more bait, but I wrote back to him asking for either my money back or that book. The outcome? The emails have stopped!

Nothing brings home the dubious nature of this website than the fact that on their home page, all of their "poetry contest winners" only have their first name displayed without any last name. Nor, incidentally, are there any links on that page to any poems these "winners" have written.

I would urge all users to stay away from this site.

Posted at 08/27/2007-02:42:23 AM by PPRK, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Bad shopping experience

this is a blantant scam unfortunately i got sucked in and never recieved anything!! still getting emails to pay for awards i read and delete now im glad i found this coz now the've sent me through the post a letter to buy the book and stuff i'm definatly not going to do that thanx guys kiki

Posted at 08/04/2007-05:12:42 AM by kiki2008, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

I bet you got the same letters I did. Perhaps we can compare them sometime? I'd like to see if they tell everyone the same things they told me. I haven't seen any kind of recognition yet from this site and I supposedly have two outstanding poems with prestigious awards from them. You may wanna think about what's going on behind the scenes first before you decide it's good.

Posted at 07/01/2007-11:16:01 PM by Lestat83, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

You said the site was good, yet you go on about how they scammed you by sending you a publication bill, even though you won. How does that make any sense at all?

Posted at 07/01/2007-11:13:02 PM by Lestat83, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: This site spams

To be honest with you, I have mixed reviews about this site. I mean, you'd like to think it's all about getting your name out there, but who will know you were there unless you tell them? Also, as an aspiring poet myself, I'd tend to think that you want not only the notoriety of people knowing who you are because of your work, but you'd like to be paid for it as well if you become published. The one thing I will say I think is scammy about it is the fact that they send you a poem of the year award for your poem. I tested this theory because both a friend and I submitted a poem at the same time and about 6 weeks later, both of us received a congratulatory letter in the mail about how our poem won poem of the year and how we needed to buy the book our poem would be in. The year before, I received a similar email in which the title of the book my poem was to be published in was the same title of this year's supposed book to be released. If that isn't kinda fishy, I dunno what is. The only thing I can give credit to this site for is the fact that it can help you better yourself because you can send your friends to read your work and get their feedback on it, but you can always bypass that by just simply showing your friends face to face or reading it to them if they live far away. Honestly, I dunno what to think about this site, but I believe something not right is going on...

Posted at 07/01/2007-11:11:20 PM by Lestat83, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Phishing or other scams

The site itself is okay. However, once you submit a poem you will receive mail telling you how wonderful your poem is (no matter if it is lousy). You don't have to buy the book your poem will be published in, but you will of course want to. They put your poem on page one which becomes suspicious after you collect a few books. The other poems in the book are not all that good which then calls into question the quality of your poem. The events are a scam. The awards are cheap junk. Poetry.com is a vanity press, or poetry mill; an expensive one. They sell your name to an outfit in England called Noble House, who sends you an email stroking your ego about "how wonderful" your poetry is, and begs permission to print your poem. Whether they print it or not is questionable because they too glue your poem into the first page of the book. The rhyming dictionary on the site is good, some of the exercises are fun, but don't spend money on the

products.

Posted at 06/25/2007-10:45:20 PM by CO2, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Phishing or other scams

You submit and have to pay for every book and everything basically. You could win other contests in other places for free. On this site you have to pay for awards and your own copy of the book you're published in.

Posted at 06/24/2007-04:50:44 PM by HarmonySkyles, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

Rating: Phishing or other scams

All this is interested in is your money. You do not have a chance of being rewarded for your poems. Stay away.

Posted at 06/12/2007-03:09:23 AM by Ant, Reviewer , [View profile](#) [Reputation score: 1 / 9]

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