Mike Bayles, a lifelong Midwest resident, is a widely-published poet and short story writer. ‘Threshold’, a book of poetry, is his first published book. His poetry has to do with human connections with each other, with nature and with locations. Time spent in rural and urban parts of Iowa has influenced his writing, as has his childhood, spent in Minnesota. He believes in appreciating the beauty of where you live.

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