

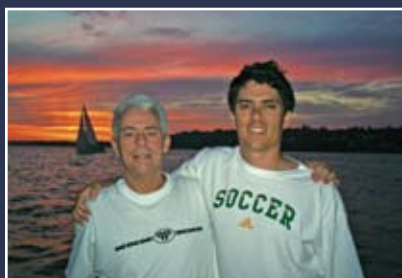
Disarmingly direct and graceful, [Donald Richardson's] poems remind us of our loneliness, failures, betrayals. They are like brief, intense reports from a bruised psyche—nonetheless an undefeated one—one always in the mysterious process of healing itself. I like them for their quiet and modest transcendence, for their willingness to confront pain and suffering and in the confrontation move on.

~ Al Zolynas, poet and co-editor of *The Poetry of Men's Lives*

Richardson has the rare ability to approach the confessional poem with an edginess that keeps the whine at bay and centers the hone.

~ Paul Dressman, editor, Wild Mustard Press

Since 1985, Donald H. Richardson, Jr. has lived in Anne Arundel County on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, not far from Annapolis. During this time, he has taught at the Dundalk and Anne Arundel community colleges and worked for the Maryland State Arts Council as a Poet in the Schools, doing poetry workshops in elementary, middle and senior high schools throughout Maryland. He has also worked with adult poets through workshops he has organized and through the Maryland Writers Association.



Donald (left) with son, Alexander

Having retired from teaching, he has been devoting his time to working on various writing projects (including this book) and to riding his bike. He gives the following advice: If the shoe's on the other foot, wear it.



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