



My name is Peter Lewis and I belong to the Leigh & District u3a creative writing group, our group facilitator is Chris Thompson. I have self-published, and helped to publish, using Lulu.com, a number of anthologies and my novel – A Snow Fox in Normandy.

Our u3a group meets (or did until Covid) on the last Friday of each month in the Miners' Institute, Kirby Road, Leigh, and new members are always welcome. Two summers ago, I suggested to our group that the stories and poems we write and then read out and discuss at our meetings, were of high quality and perhaps we should consider self-publishing an anthology of our work. I showed the group some anthologies that my other writing group had self-published and the group were suitably impressed.

This suggestion being well-received, I set to work compiling the anthology. As the writing came to me, I made two piles of the titles – stories and poems – and then mixed each pile up. I selected at random first a story and then a poem to create the order for the contents page. I like an anthology's title to be the title of the first story in the book. The pandemic set things back by several months but in November of this year the book, called *Tosca's Dress – A Miscellany of Prose and Poetry*, was published by Lulu and copies are now flying off its shelves. The cost for one copy, including p&p, is less than £7 and can be bought from the Lulu website. The more copies you buy the cheaper each one is proportionately!

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If anyone who would like to buy a copy of our book, just go to the [Lulu website](#) and search for *Tosca's Dress*. Also, if you have a book in you that you think should see the light of day, you can just follow the instructions on the website menu to create your own book. It's a fantastic feeling to hold in your hand a beautifully made book that you have written. If you have any problems, don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is:

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Happy reading and writing! Peter Lewis.