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Background

Jim D. Babwe was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. He attended elementary and junior high schools in Compton and graduated from Lynwood High School. At the age of 16, he was a freshman chemistry major at the University of California, Irvine when he decided he'd rather work with words instead of volatile organic compounds. He transferred to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and earned a B.A. and an M.A. in English, and snagged a teaching credential in between degrees. His teaching experience includes 28 years as a full time classroom teacher with a huge variety of cool assignments in Chino, Rancho Cucamonga, Azusa, Glendora, Whittier, Chula Vista, Lakeside, and El Cajon. Jim has taught poetry in the schools as a Border Voices/CPITS poet-teacher at Cajon Valley Middle School, San Pasqual Elementary/Middle School, Del Mar Heights Elementary School, and Solana Vista Elementary. He was a finalist in the San Diego Book Awards a few years ago. Jim has published fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and photography in the following publications: *The Azusa Herald*, *The Glendora Press*, *The San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *The Coast News*, *Beach Breakers*, *The Surf City Times*, *Lifestyles Magazine*, *The Pedestal Magazine*, *Electrum*, *Harvest*, *The Pomona Valley Review*, *Poetry Superhighway*, *Poetic Diversity*, *Troubadour*,

North County Times, *Different Drummer*, and *Fahrenheit Magazine* and *The Best of Border Voices anthology*. He is the author of several interactive e-textbooks, which are currently available through the California Learning Resources Network (CLRN). One of these, *The Dream Pioneers Study Guide*, earned a United States Congressional commendation and provided him with the opportunity to partner with Ray Bradbury, Ray Harryhausen, Forrest J. Ackerman, and scientists from Cal Tech/NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including Dr. Robert Frisbee, head of JPL's advanced propulsion group. He is also the author of *The Rancho Pantalonas Trailer Park Poets*, *Indigo Dogs*, *Look at the Game*, and several other independently produced works. He's a member of the 101 Artists' Colony (Encinitas, CA), the Full Moon Poets, the Sunset Poets, and the Vista Village Idiots Literary Society (where his presence, more often than not, helps to validate the accuracy of that group's name).

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