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Another two Oversteps books have been published in the last month.

**Skinning the Bull** by John Daniel (ISBN978-1-906856-33-5) £8



John is an artist as well as a poet, and one of his pastels has been used for the cover of this collection. His poetry has appeared in a number of anthologies and he has also written a memoir, *Grown Up War*. Sam Smith describes John 'as questioning philosopher, as indignant activist adrift'.

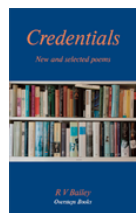
**Weather Notes** by Rebecca Bilkau (ISBN 978-1-906856-34-2) £8

Rebecca has been writing since childhood, has won several competitions and held residencies, but this is her first (long overdue) collection. Graham Mort describes her work as '*sharply observed, rendered in language that is accurate, vivid and sensual.*'



There was something of a whoopsie when the last newsletter was sent out, which resulted in some people not receiving the email. I'm therefore including a short note about the last two books, with apologies to those of you who have already seen (and bought) them.

**Credentials** by R V Bailey (ISBN 978-906856-31-1). £10.



Rosie Bailey is well-known as a poet, reader and competition judge, both by herself and with her late partner, U A Fanthorpe. Her gentle humour sparkles through this collection, as well as acute observation and moving poems of love and loss.

**festo: celebrating winter and Christmas** by Alwyn Marriage (ISBN 978-1-906856-32-8). £8.

Starting in March, these poems move through the year, with a special emphasis on winter and Christmas, and finish as the first signs of spring return in February. Many of the poems, which include the humorous and the reflective, have been used in Christmas concerts, services and other events.



All Oversteps books, along with a sample poem from each collection, can be seen on our website, and can be ordered either by post or on-line from [www.overstepsbooks.com](http://www.overstepsbooks.com).

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Oversteps poets were again well-represented at the Poetry on the Lake Festival in Italy this year, with readings by Christopher North, Elisabeth Rowe, Michael Swan, Alwyn Marriage and Caroline Carver. There's so much going on that it's difficult to include all the forthcoming readings, but in the next month these include Joan McGavin at Romsey Poetry Society on 19<sup>th</sup> October; Alwyn Marriage at Guildford Book Festival also on 19<sup>th</sup>; Joan McGavin in Oxford on 21<sup>st</sup>; R V Bailey, Michael Swan and Alwyn Marriage at Torbay Poetry Festival on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; John Daniel in Hastings on 4<sup>th</sup> November; and Ann Segrave, Mandy Pannett, Andrew Nightingale and Alwyn Marriage in Lewes on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Among other recent good news, we were delighted to hear that Angela Stoner had won the latest Poetry Society Stanza competition.

Because of the failure of the email system last time, and in the hope that we can encourage you to give poetry books to friends and family for Christmas, we've decided to offer any three of the books in this newsletter for **£20 plus £2.50 p&p UK, £4.50 if ordering from abroad**.

The next two books, by Kathleen Kummer and Simon Williams, will be out within a couple of months. More information in due course.

*Alwyn*  
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