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## Astoria native publishes bilingual haiku collection

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ASTORIA — Kent Neal, a 1998 graduate of Astoria High School who now lives in France, has published a full-length haiku collection, a work that captures the landscapes of Oregon and France.

Titled “Là où l’eau salée se mêle à l’eau douce” (“Where Saltwater Mixes With Freshwater”), the book is published by Red Moon Press in Winchester, Virginia.

Haiku, a traditional form of Japanese poetry, consist of three lines. The first and last lines contain five syllables; the middle has seven.

“By writing these eighty haiku, Kent Neal saw his childhood again and came close to moments that shaped his life,” Jean Antonini, co-president of the Francophone Association of Haiku said. “If writing a haiku is good preparation for writing a novel, as Roland Barthes pointed out, the reader will find many novels here. Not to mention many moments they will savor and identify with.”

“Where Saltwater Mixes With Freshwater” is available at [redmoonpress.com](http://redmoonpress.com).