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Anamcara Press LLC has been assigned SMALL PRESS TABLE # 1553.

Anamcara Press is a scrappy, small publisher of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and a journal, *The Write Bridge*—our goal is to serve community and the planet, and create a bridge with words.

We offer an annual award, The Amity Literary Prize. Our winner for 2023 is Chad V Broughman for *The Fall of Bellwether*.

Amity means friendship, and the name of our press, “Anamcara,” comes from Irish tradition and means “soul friend.” When we read a book and it touches our soul such that those lines stay with us for the rest of our lives, the book’s author becomes our soul friend. We may never meet them in this life, but their words and their expressions have changed us permanently. It is in the spirit of the kinship between author and reader, which transcends time and distance, that we confer the Amity Literary Prize.

Anamcara Press produces a biannual literary journal, *The Write Bridge*. As weavers of words, authors understand how words weave the world. Words provide a vision and a way forward. In each edition of *The Write Bridge* readers are encouraged to “mind the gap” as writers explore topics that broaden our thinking.

In a 1936 Esquire article entitled “The Crack Up,” author F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote “Before I go on with this short history, let me make a general observation—the test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise. This philosophy fitted on to my early adult life, when I saw the improbable, the implausible, often the “impossible,” come true.”

The Write Bridge pushes at the boundaries, presenting authors and readers with two concepts to explore, as in *Perilous* and *Playful*, the themes for the Summer 2023 Write Bridge Journal edition.

Anamcara Press offers an educational series for authors through our blog <https://anamcara-press.com/news/> and YouTube channel: Anam Cara@anamcara5103. *Check us out and give us your feedback!*