TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY
July 17, 2013

Take Your Poet to Work Day • tweetspeakpoetry.com
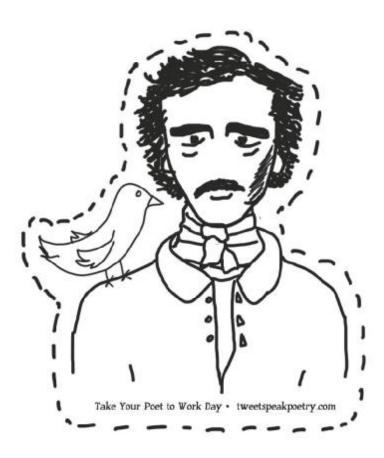
Edgar Allan Poe

"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things that escape those who dream only at night."

Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston in 1809. He was orphaned by age three and taken in by foster parents. He attended the University of Virginia for a year, withdrawing due to gambling debts. After two years in the army, he accepted an appointment to West Point but was dismissed after a year.

Poe's first poetry collection, *Tamerlane and Other Poems*, was published anonymously by "a Bostonian" in 1827. His second collection, *Al Aaraaf, Tamerlane and Minor Poems*, was partly funded with contributions from his former West Point classmates. He later worked as an editor for various journals, well-known as a literary critic. He married his 13-year-old cousin Virginia Clemm in 1836.

Legendary for his psychological thrillers and the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe had significant influence in the mystery, detective fiction, and horror genres. In addition to his poetry, perhaps most famously, "The Raven," Poe was also a master of the short story, publishing such popular works as "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "Murders in the Rue Morgue."

He died at the age of 40, though the details of his death remain murky. Potential causes include brain congestion, alcohol, murder, suicide, cholera, heart disease, rabies and more. He was first buried in an unmarked grave in Baltimore's Old Westminster Burial Ground, and reinterred in 1875 alongside his aunt and mother-in-law. Virginia was also later reinterred to the same location.

Want to take your favorite poet to work for Take Your Poet to Work Day?

Here's how:
1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to work as shown

For more of the best in poetry and poetic things, visit us at TweetspeakPoetry.com

@tspoetry   /tspoetry