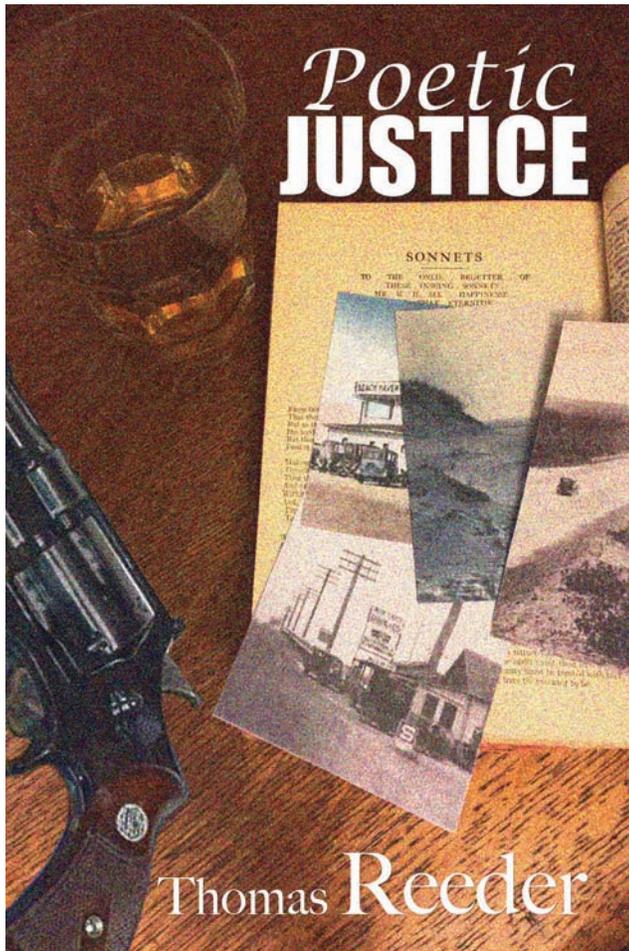


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“This is Beach Haven, not the big city; we have our own way of doing things. We don’t need outsiders butting in, trying to change things.”

Lewis Porter *was* an outsider – asked by the local police to examine a murder scene because of his past... work experience. Experience that he was more than happy to keep right where he left it: in the past. But people’s pasts have a funny way of catching up with them.

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It’s a case that not everyone wants solved – except Porter. The question is, will he finish the case before it finishes him?

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