



BEFUDDLED. STORIES FROM THE POET TREE

North Warwickshire's Matt and Jon Starr combine their artistic talents in a book for all ages

Befuddled is a family creation, two brothers bringing together their artistic talents to not only create a book but a piece of art. Packed with witty and imaginative ideas, *Befuddled* is a great escape from everyday life. With dazzling illustrations and sharp-witted poems and stories, this charming book is sure to leave you feeling joyful.

1969. Man landed on the moon, The Beatles walked across Abbey Road and Matthew J. Starr was born in Burton upon Trent. His upbringing has influenced his writing. '*Befuddled* is inspired by everyday occurrences. Certain characters are simply exaggerated versions of the many fascinating people I have met during my life. Growing up in a traditional Public House, I found myself captivated by the endless variety of peculiar customers that crossed the threshold,' observes Matt. 'I didn't plan to write a book of poetry and short stories, I found myself needing an outlet for my creativity other than my music.'

The illustrations are by Matt's brother Jon (from Polesworth, North Warwickshire), making *Befuddled* a local family creation.

About the Authors:

Matt Starr was born in Burton upon Trent in 1969. He was raised in North Warwickshire and currently lives in Birchmoor, a small village within the same area. He has been a member of a band, playing music for over 20 years which has inspired his love of rhythm and creative writing.

About the Illustrator:

Jon Starr was born in 1967. He developed an interest in art from an early age and went on to gain a BA Honours degree at what was North Staffordshire Polytechnic, graduating in 1989. He currently lives in Polesworth (North Warwickshire) and works as a freelance artist.



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