



Bradley Steffens

A widely published poet, playwright, and essayist, Bradley Steffens is the author of twenty-one nonfiction books for children and young adults, coauthor of seven, and editor of the 2004 anthology, *The Free Speech Movement*.

He is a two-time recipient of the San Diego Book Award for Best Young Adult & Children's Nonfiction. His *Giants* won the 2005 award and his *People in the News: J.K. Rowling* garnered the 2007 prize. *J.K. Rowling* also received the Theodor S. Geisel Award for the best published book by a San Diego County author in 2007. Five of Steffens' books, including *Ibn al-Haytham: First Scientist*, have been selected by California Readers to be part of the California Collections.

Steffens' poetry has appeared in more than seventy literary journals, including *Crosscurrents*, *Sidewalks*, *Loonfeather*, *Stone Country*, and *The Bellingham Review*. He has won several prizes for his poetry, including the Emerging Voices Award presented by The Loft Literary Center, the Lake Superior Writing Competition sponsored by the Duluth Public Library, and the annual poetry contest sponsored by the Saint Paul chapter of the American Association of University Women.

The Minneapolis-based Olympia Arts Ensemble produced his play-in-verse, *Virodha-Bhakti, a Sequence of Pageants* in 1981. The *St. Paul Post-Dispatch* hailed the play as "an awesome creation on the part of the playwright." The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* added, "Steffens is a talented, powerful artist."