



Mate Arias

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- Publication linked to a series of events: Buxton's one-man storytelling show *Friend* touring across 2024/2025
- Popular and well-known Norfolk-based poet and theatre-maker
- Powerful and funny poems on male friendship and growing up
- Will appeal to readers from 14+
- For fans of Harry Baker and Holly McNish
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Mate Arias is Lewis Buxton's love song to his friends, a soaring voice attempting to communicate in a masculine world often punctuated by silence or violence. Muscles are torn, crossword clues are pondered, and pints are lifted as the poet attempts to make sense of his friends and himself, and their often clumsy, physical dances around each other.

Under the glares of floodlights and movie screens, with a backdrop of superheroes and zombies, Buxton creates the settings for new versions of male friendships. A poignant and funny exploration of making and maintaining relationships as lives begin to move in different directions, *Mate Arias* is a unique celebration of the tenderness and love that can be communicated by men.

AUTHOR DETAILS

Lewis Buxton's work has appeared in *The Poetry Review*, *The Rialto* and *The Independent* and won the Winchester Poetry Prize (2020). His debut collection, *Boy in Various Poses*, was published by Nine Arches Press in 2021, followed by *Mate Arias*, published by The Emma Press in 2025. He regularly visits schools, delivering workshops and performances to young people, and his theatre shows tour extensively in the UK. He lives in Norfolk.



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