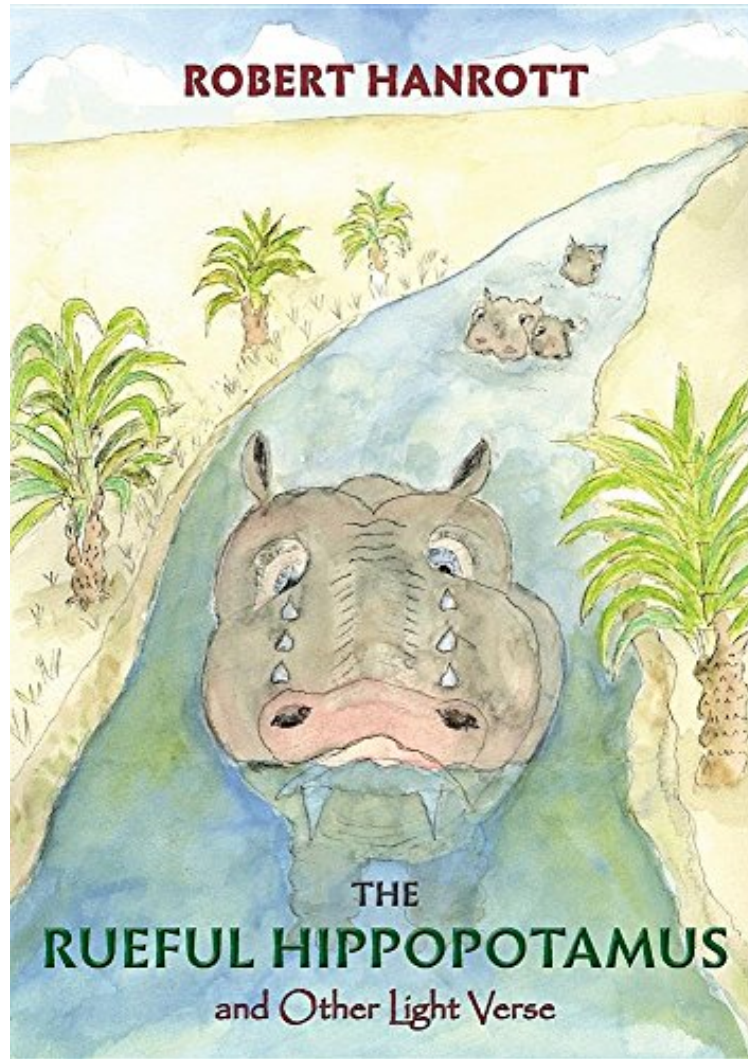


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These entertaining verses reveal what hippos say to each other, how hairy apes conduct their affairs, how God lost the planet, and why hotel beds are so annoying. A short volume of a hundred pages, the book is organised in four sections - Whimsy, Everyday Life, Personal to Me, and A Contrarian's View - all of which allow the author to range over many diverse subjects, sometimes with tongue in cheek, sometimes with self-deprecation, and sometimes - more seriously - protesting the state of the world we live in. The book, designed to be light bedtime reading, may put a smile on your face; alternatively, it might make you think in a new way about our contemporary culture.

About the Author Robert Hanrott's father, Charles, was a keen admirer of Ogden Nash. At dinner time he would sometimes propose the first line of a rhyming verse and invite his two children, one after the other, to develop it.. This was how Robert began first to think in rhymed couplets and later to write in the spirit of America's most famous poet of light verse for adults. Robert was born in London and currently lives with his wife, Martha, in Washington, DC. Together, they wrote *Telling Tales*, a modern version of the *Canterbury Tales*. They also compose piano and chamber music.