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#### DEDICATION

The first time I was complimented on my writing, I was about nine years old; it came in the form of punch. I made up a poem and went to my brother to see what he thought of it. He looked at me and said something like "You liar, you took that from a book!" I squealed with laughter that he thought it could be good enough to be in a book and was promptly given the big brother response for annoying him with what he thought was a trick. Although my arm hurt bad (baby sisters everywhere can attest to those punches when their brothers don't want to be bothered), I couldn't help feeling the joy all authors must feel when given recognition. I was elated! That was the start of my writing career, albeit unnoticed by the rest of the world.

There have been many supporters: My Great, Grandmother (Momma Lennie), David, Scharyl, Carl, Ronnie, Mr. Tremaine, Mr. Clark, Vicki Ford, Becky, Nancy, Melody, Lydia, Vibeke, Nina & all friends, Seattle Central Community College, & Auburn Senior High Newspaper. Thank you!

There were those who barely feigned indifference: Hedgebrook, a Professor that claimed I couldn't write a sentence (still makes me My Feet Ain't Pretty: Poems From A Jagged Eye laugh after seeing her horrendous grammar). Thank you for helping me to realize you're both fallible!

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There were the most critical: My mom, Donnie Berry, who liked the idea of her children calling her “Sarge” for some reason, and my dad, Isaac Ivan Berry, the old coot who complained about my not being published (he felt it was all in my control-wish I understood this sooner); I know they came from a place of love. I thank them.

There are the notables: My aunt Lennis Boyd, who led the way in publishing, inspiration, and constant support: professors and teachers who lovingly pushed me along this writing path. Absolutely thank you!

There is never the least or last in my life: The one My Feet Ain't Pretty: Poems From A Jagged Eye who remained in the trenches even when my teeth got sharp: Gaetano Mangogna, I love My Feet Ain't Pretty: Poems From A Jagged Eye you!

Still overall I may not be here without that first Punch from my brother the actor: Mark Berry (You can find him in the movie Blade Trinity).

Mark My Feet Ain't Pretty: Poems From A Jagged Eye This Book is dedicated to you.

Love your baby sister!  
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