

*The Secret Life of Creatures and other poems* is a collection of poems light-hearted, a bit silly sometimes, and now and again with a twist at the end. A few serious poems are included and there are a couple of brain teasers (not at all easy) to test your little grey cells. Illustrated by the author.

*The Girls in the Queue and other poems* reflects on life in general, getting old, the contribution made by his parents' generation and more.

#### About the author

Not long after Dave signed the contract for TSL to publish his work, on 6 December 2016, the night the final proof arrived from the printer, Dave passed away. He never saw his work in print.

In addition to writing all the poems, Dave also drew the pictures which illustrate the book. Other drawings of his can be found on the cover of Michael's Magic Motor Car and in Rhys's adventures. Dave was a member of Phrase Writers in Hillingdon where he shared his many talents. It was thanks to group members that the book was able to be published – they transcribed and edited Dave's poems when he was too ill to do so.

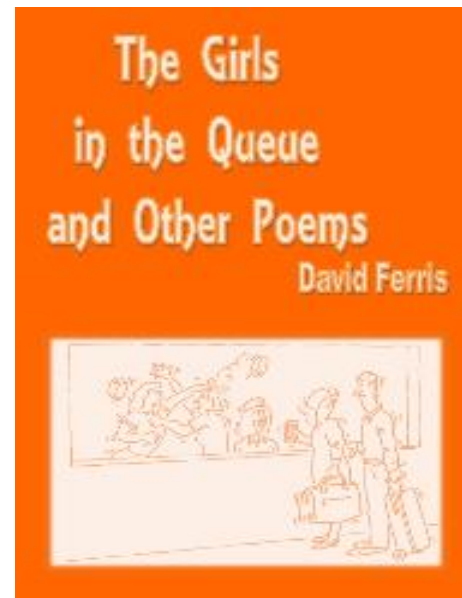
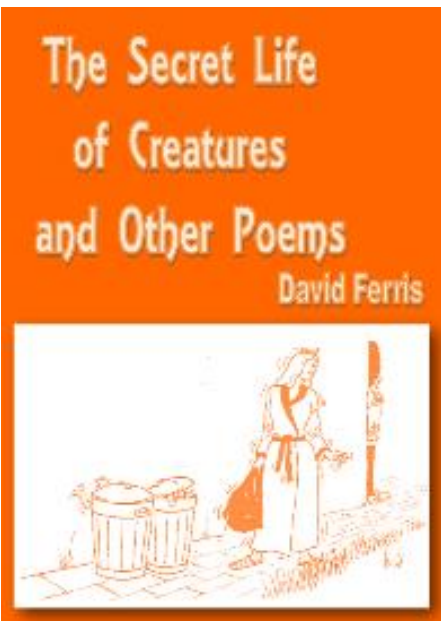
As David explains in the Introduction to his Little Orange Book:

*My writings and drawings came about with the need to occupy my time when retirement arrived. Having no intention of aiming for a Booker prize or becoming a Poet Laureate, I wrote because it amused me to do so. One day however, I found a reason to dust it all off, tidy it up and see what I could do about turning it into cash. I decided to become a fundraiser for a charity that, initially knowing little of it, I had reason to gain first-hand knowledge of the valuable and much needed work they are involved in.*

*I am supporting Macmillan Cancer Support and all profit from my work goes straight to that caring organisation.*

*Most of the stuff within is light-hearted, a bit silly sometimes, and now and again has a twist at the end. I have included very few serious poems and there are a couple of brain teasers (not at all easy) to test your little grey cells.*

All profits go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



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