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### **COAUTHORS ALIGHT ON INDEPENDENT WRITERS OF CHICAGO (IWOC) FOR FIRST STOP ON *TWITTERATURE* TOUR**

Fellow writers: We can either be highly flattered by this. Or deeply offended. Nevertheless, we word bleeders promise to be the most gracious of hosts to Alexander Aciman and Emmett Rensin, who have coauthored *Twitterature: The World's Greatest Books in Twenty Tweets or Less*, and who have chosen to launch their book tour at IWOC's next meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. (Warning: The previous sentence is longer than *War and Peace*.)

Loathe as we may be to admit, the book is...it's...oh, alright: It's LMAO hilarious. Reducing over 80 of western lit's most revered *oeuvres* to their twittiest essence, "works" include *Paradise Lost* ("OH MY GOD I'M IN HELL.") and *Hamlet*: ("WTF IS POLONIUS DOING BEHIND THE CURTAIN???" ) Come on. TIGS!!! (This Is Great Stuff!!!)

So who are Alexander and Emmett? Simple fruit flies who love to read – but just don't have the luxury of time? Or are they simply geniuses in having figured out a way to spread the gospel of Great Literature to those with nanosecond attention spans? As two sophomores at the University of Chicago, one (Alex) who has contributed essays to *The New York Times* and the other (Emmett) whose ambition is to pen the Great American Novel, we think "genius" is a more apt description. Come to the meeting and find out how they latched on to the outrageously popular Twitter trend and adapted it into a best-seller that has satirists doing a jig. And Shakespeare churning in his grave.

The IWOC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at National-Louis University, Room 5008, 122 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. Networking begins at 5 p.m. The main program is at 6 p.m. Admission is free to IWOC members, \$15 to nonmembers. Following the meeting, attendees are invited to go to a nearby restaurant for a buy-your-own dinner to further discuss writing-related topics or to continue networking. For more information, call 847-855-6670 or visit [www.iwoc.org](http://www.iwoc.org).

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