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CALIFORNIA POET PLEDGES ROYALTIES TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Wanda Sue Parrott, 90, California journalist-turned-poet, has pledged 100 percent of 2025 royalties from sales of her new poetic salutations “*May THE MUSE be with YOU*” to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, sponsor of National Public Radio (NPR) and Public Broadcast Service (PBS).

The book was in the Top 10 of Amazon's Poetry Writing Reference Books for ten days following its April 25, 2025 release and has since been a periodic #1 Best Seller in its genre.

Five days after its publication, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order directing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and all federal agencies to end funding for PBS and NPR.

Ms. Parrott says, “If we lose freedom of the press, American democracy is done. Without government support, it’s up to us, the People, to support freedom of speech ourselves. If all writers pledge a percentage of their works’ sales, we can preserve our First Amendment Rights.”

Wanda Sue Parrott moved from California to Missouri in 1988, where she was a part-time creative writing instructor at Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) in Springfield, a founding member of Missouri State Poetry Society, and stand-up comic poet called “Professor Parrott.” She was co-founder and administrator of the National Annual Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition for American Poets aged 50 and older from 1993 to 2014.

She is now back in California, where she is an active member of the social justice committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula and supporter of her local NPR (KAZU) and PBS (KQED) stations.

According to PBS’s Chief Executive Officer Paula Kerger, the executive order issued by President Trump is “unlawful, and this order is likely to be challenged in the court.” Pending the outcome, Ms. Parrott suggests writers share their royalties with CPB through their local NPR and PBS affiliates.

“*May THE MUSE be with YOU*” is available for \$10 from Amazon Books at <https://a.co/d/gofC0f3>

