

The Lunchbox

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Readings: 7pm Oct. 17th.

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Featured poet: Dorothy Alexander



Dorothy Alexander is the author of five poetry collections, including *Lessons From an Oklahoma Girlhood*, *Borrowed Dust*, *The Dust Bowl Revisited* and *Rough Drafts*, as well as a memoir in prose and poetry, *The Art of Digression*. Her collection, *Leaving My Father's House* is forthcoming in December. Both her prose and poetry have been included in several anthologies and periodic publications. She is the editor/publisher and co-owner (along with her partner, Devey Napier) of a small independent poetry press that has published the work of six of the past ten winners of the Oklahoma Book Awards for Poetry, as well as 20 finalists for that award. Dorothy is a founding member of the Woody Guthrie Poetry Group and co-curator of the poetry readings at the annual Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Okemah, Oklahoma. Her inspiration comes from the agrarian literary tradition and the populist political movements in the rural United States. She embraces a form that she calls “narcissistic” narrative and indulges in “selfie” poetry. The Oklahoma Center for the Book selected Dorothy as recipient of the Carlile Distinguished Service Award for her services to the Oklahoma literary community in 2013. Dorothy has degrees in Social Work and Political Science from University of Central Oklahoma and a Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University School of Law. She practiced law for more than 40 years in rural Oklahoma and Texas and has served as a judge for small municipalities for a like number of years.