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TCU Press Releases Poetry Collection Written by 2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton

Book *Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems* Now Available, with Introduction by Billy Bob Hill

Denton, TX – August 31, 2010 – 2010 Texas Poet Laureate Karla K. Morton (www.kkmorton.com) announced today that her latest poetry collection, published by Texas Christian University Press as part of its Texas Poets Laureate Series, has now been released. With an introduction by Billy Bob Hill, *Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems* includes new poetry as well as selected favorites written by Morton.

“As the 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, Karla K. Morton believes that poetry is everyone’s art, and she has carved her place in Texas Letters with this stunning collection,” said Billy Bob Hill. “Morton’s poetry will take you on a journey; her flowing style sparks memories and stirs emotions. It’s no wonder she has been called ‘one of the more adventurous voices in American poetry.’”

"I'm so honored to serve as Texas Poet Laureate and excited to be part of this TCU Press tradition," said Morton. "My hope is that everyone can find poems in this book that touch them, that move them in some way."

Morton's poetry spans countless subjects and many forms. As 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, she is dedicated to serving as an ambassador of poetry for the state, traveling throughout Texas as part of the *Little Town, Texas Tour* she created. The tour's mission is to take poetry into small towns across Texas, making it more accessible and relevant, particularly to teen students. The tour partners with schools, universities, bookstores, community centers and other venues in cities throughout Texas.

Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems is available for purchase at local bookstores across Texas and online at <http://www.tamupress.com/product/Karla-K-Morton,6335.aspx> or by calling 800.826.8911.

About Karla K. Morton

Karla K. Morton, the **2010 Texas Poet Laureate**, is a celebrated poet, author and storyteller. She is the author of *Wee Cowrin' Timorous Beastie* (a North Texas Book Festival Awards Finalist created in collaboration with award-winning composer [Howard Baer](#)), *Redefining Beauty* (a 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Award Winner written during Morton’s journey through cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery), *Stirring Goldfish*, *Becoming Superman*, *Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems* and the upcoming book *Names We've Never Known* (Texas Review Press). Ms. Morton’s poetry, which spans many subjects and forms, has also been published in a variety of literary journals, including *descant*, (Betsy

Colquitt Award Winner), *Amarillo Bay*, the *Concho River Review*, the *Southwestern American Literature*, *Oak Bend Review*, *Wichita Falls Literary and Art Review*, *Right Hand Pointing*, *The Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas*, the *Texas Poetry Calendar*, *Illya's Honey*, *Austin International Poetry Anthology*, *New Texas*, *Denton Writer's League Anthology*, and *ARDENT*. An avid photographer, Morton has also had several showings of her black and white artwork across the state, and loves to mix poetry and the arts. Additionally, she serves as a board member of the Greater Denton Arts Council, a founding member of the Denton Poets' Assembly (part of the Poetry Society of Texas) and as a member of the esteemed Western Writers of America, the Writer's League of Texas and the Academy of American Poets. She has been featured on *Good Morning Texas*, NPR and the *Art of Living Gallery* (national show on Veria TV). Morton loves to promote poetry, logging thousands of miles across Texas through her ***Little Town, Texas Tour***, reading her work at such venues as schools, universities, bookstores, VA centers, libraries, festivals, fundraising events, conferences, conventions and cancer support groups. Morton was born in Fort Worth, holds a Journalism degree from Texas A&M University and currently resides in Denton, Texas, with her two children and husband. For more information, please visit www.kkmorton.com or www.facebook.com/karlakmorton.

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