

Carolyn Kizer



Carolyn Kizer has had a remarkably full and varied life in literature. Born in Spokane, she studied poetry with Theodore Roethke at the University of Washington, founded the literary journal *Poetry Northwest*, and was the first director of the Literature Program for the National Endowment of the Arts; she taught at numerous institutions, and in 1985 won the Pulitzer Prize for her volume *Yin: New Poems*. Her warm, accessible, and humorous poems offer shrewd insights into human motivations and behavior.