## **Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer**

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer lives on the banks of the wild and undammed San Miguel River at the intersection of the San Juan Skyway and Unaweep Tabeguache Scenic Byways with her husband and two children. She served as San Miguel County's first poet laureate (2007-2011) and as Western Slope Poet Laureate (2015-2017) and as Colorado Poet Laureate finalist (2019).

Her most recent collection, *Hush*, won the Halcyon Prize for a poetry on human ecology.

Devoted to helping others explore their creative potential, Rosemerry is the co-host of Emerging Form, a podcast on creative process (with Christie Aschwanden), co-director of Telluride's Talking Gourds Poetry Club (with Art Goodtimes) and co-founder of Secret Agents of Change (with Sherry Richert Belul).



She believes in the power of practice and has been writing a poem a day since 2006. Her daily poems can be found at <a href="https://ahundredfallingveils.com/">https://ahundredfallingveils.com/</a>. Favorite themes in her poems include thriving/failure, parenting, gardening, the natural world, love, science and daily life.

She has 12 collections of poetry, and her work has appeared in *O Magazine* and on *A Prairie Home Companion*, on fences in back alleys and on hundreds of river rocks she leaves around town. In 2017, *Naked for Tea*, was a finalist for the Able Muse Poetry Award. Other books include *Even Now, The Miracle Already Happening, The Less I Hold* and *If You Listen*, a finalist for the Colorado Book Award.

Favorite activities: Trail running, Nordic skiing, recovering from trail running, camping, baking, knitting, reading, gardening. She's been an organic fruit grower, a newspaper and magazine editor, and a parent educator for Parents as Teachers.

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