

## Kelly Cherry



**Kelly Cherry** has published twenty books of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, eight chapbooks, and translations of two classical plays. Her most recent titles are *The Woman Who* (2010), a collection of short stories, *The Retreats of Thought: Poems* (2009) and *Girl in a Library: On Women Writers & the Writing Life* (2009). Her short fiction has been represented in *Best American Short Stories*, *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards*, *New Stories from the South*, and *The Pushcart Prize* and she received the

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