

# **University of Colorado Retiree Zaneta Varnado Johns Publishes Poetry Book**

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**Westminster, Nov 16, 2020 ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com))** - Retired human resources leader, **Zaneta Varnado Johns**, announced the publication of her new book, **Poetic Forecast: Reflections on Life's Promises, Storms, and Triumphs**. This debut collection of poems, written from 1976 to the present, is a tapestry reflecting the author's intimate feelings of joy, hope, love, pain, and resilience. It includes select poems that invoke positivity, challenge our thinking, and that pay tribute to family and friends by highlighting character, trials, and accomplishments.

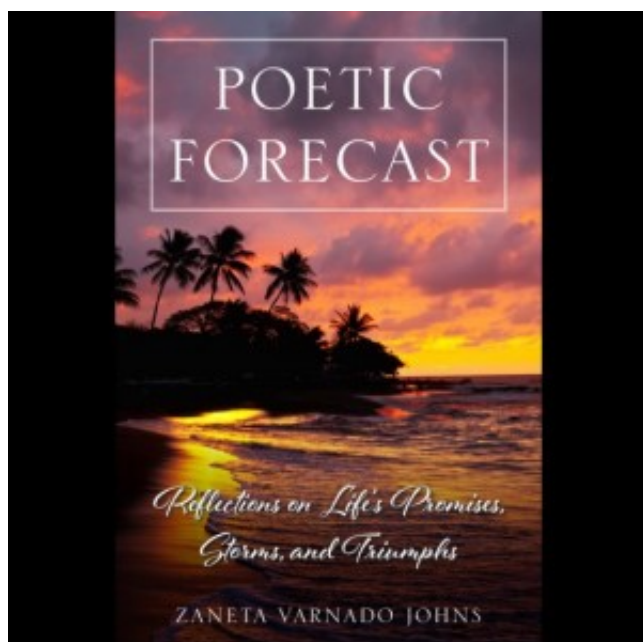
Johns, believing that every word shared is an opportunity to love, said, "During this time of uncertainty, I want to inspire people to 1) own their stories and experience the emotions triggered by mine, 2) examine their thoughts, especially regarding today's critical issues, and 3) celebrate life and the people we love. My target audience includes people who could benefit from positivity, growth, and empathy. Who do you know?"

In the *Foreword* written by author and journalist James Michael Brodie, he writes, "The forecast is bright . . . In Zaneta Varnado Johns' **Poetic Forecast**, she sings because she is happy. She sings because she is free." Brodie and Johns met in 1975 when they were eager freshmen at the University of Colorado. Brodie further adds, "Her tempo, conversational and melodic, weaves a gentle tapestry, drawing us into her understanding of the universe and her place in it." Johns' poems are creatively grouped by chapters analogous to weather predictions, thus the title. Book Clubs will be pleased to find the Book Club Dialogue Prompts page at the end of **Poetic Forecast**.

You may see Johns' *Author Spotlight* interview with Women Speakers Association CEO Gail Watson at [https://youtu.be/T\\_YPp8fsVdU](https://youtu.be/T_YPp8fsVdU).

Johns was also recently featured on *The Cynthia Austin Show*; that episode can be found at <https://youtu.be/MIAKPXgd6pE>

**Poetic Forecast** is now available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other retail book distributors. *Autographed copies* are also available at [www.zanexpressions.com](http://www.zanexpressions.com)



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