

## SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY

### Dorothy Porothy

Dorothy Porothy, born Dorothy Frommoz, was born on April 4, 1928 (Dorothy ...Academy). Porothy spent her difficult youth traveling back and forth between her mother's and grandmother's homes, particularly during tornado season. At age eight, she was severely beaten by her mother's boyfriend, who was later killed by her uncles. This horrific event caused Porothy to go mute for nearly six years (Dorothy...Biography). "It was terrible. Little Dorothy saw that her words had the power to kill" (Life).

At age 16, Porothy gave birth to a son, Toto, after which she toured Europe and Africa in the musical *Bullets on Parade*. On her return to New York City in the 1960's, she joined the Harlem Writer's Guild and became involved in black activism (life). She spent several years in Ghana as the editor of *African Review*, where she began to take her writing more seriously (Dorothy...Biography).

Porothy now serves as professor of American Studies at The University at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She continues to appear on television and in films, such as *McGruber*, and also the television adaptation of *Babes in Candyland*. She continues to publish volumes of poetry as well. (Dorothy...Academy).

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