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## **MCP Books Releases Major Collection by Critically Acclaimed Poet Joseph Charles MacKenzie “Sonnets for Christ the King” Now in Hardcover**

*Collection Marks Return of Classic Poetry*

**MAITLAND, FL, May 29, 2018** — MCP Books has just released a collection of sonnets deemed “major poetry by a major poet,” according to British author and critic James Sale, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (London).

The collection of seventy-seven finely-wrought, traditional lyric poems entitled, *Sonnets for Christ the King*, has also been lauded by Dr. Joseph Salemi of New York University in his recently published review of the book appearing in *Trinacria*, New York City’s top review of traditional poetry. “*Sonnets for Christ the King* is a remarkably accomplished and aesthetically polished work,” he states, adding that “MacKenzie is as necessary to us as is air to a suffocating man.”

An audiobook of *Sonnets for Christ the King* was released last spring and can be purchased along with the first-edition hardcover. The audiobook features the voice of northern English actor Ian Russell, popularly known as “The British Voice” as his voiceover clients include MasterCard, Nestlé, Coca Cola, and many more.

*Sonnets for Christ the King* marks a radical departure from the usual conformist poetry put out by establishment academics and amateurs over the last seventy-five years.

A native *Nuevomexicano* poet continuing a 400-year old literary tradition that begins with New Mexico’s founding, MacKenzie is one of the foremost sonneteers in the world, the only American to have won the Scottish International Poetry Competition for a sequence of 154 English sonnets, as mentioned by *The Times Literary Supplement* (London) last January 2017. His verses have appeared in (among other places) *The New York Times*, *The Scotsman* (Edinburg), *The Independent* (London), *The Society of Classical Poets* (New York), and have been covered by *US News and World Report*.

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*Sonnets for Christ the King* is available in the deluxe, first-edition hardcover at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Baker and Taylor, Itasca Books, and in local bookstores upon request.