

Wendell Berry receives award at the White House

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Poet and Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry [was honored at the White House Wednesday](#) [1] for his writings and conservation advocacy, receiving the National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama.

Berry, 76, shook hands with Obama, and the two whispered to one another briefly. The president then draped the red ribbon and medal around Berry's neck. "The author of more than 40 books, Mr. Berry has spent his career exploring our relationship with the land and community," said the citation that was read aloud during the White House East Room ceremony, attended by Vice President Joe Biden, First Lady Michelle Obama and heads of federal arts agencies.

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