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**ESTEMED ACTRESS TURNED AUTHOUR WINS THE HEARTS OF YOUNG READERS WITH A WARM FAMILY FRIENDLY NOVEL THAT GIVES READERS A HISTORY AND LIFE LESSON ALL IN ONE!**

**“Robbie Lee and the Wilds of Houston Valley” Turns the Great Depression into the Great Expression of love, family, church, and community.**

**NEW YORK – NOVEMBER 18, 2007** – Robbie Lee Wilds turns six just after the devastating stock market crash of 1929. This funny and moving historical novel is based on stories passed down from the author’s grandmother. The Wilds of Houston Valley (ISBN #1604416777) weather the Great Depression living happily off the land. Sustained by the love and decency that flourish in their valley like the oak and maple on its surrounding hills, this hardworking farm family never loses sight of its values. Hoovers Presidency and FDR's New Deal measures like the heralded Tennessee Valley Authority are fascinating landmarks in this young girl's life. Through it all, the fiercely inquisitive Robbie wonders about life beyond the valley. She discovers her voracious appetite for reading, shares her mother’s poignant secret, and, above all, learns the meaning of faith.

*"R.M. Parrish picks up where Laura Ingalls Wilder leaves off. A cozy read for young ones and their parents alike."*

— **Robert Reale, Tony-nominated composer of Broadway's A Year with Frog and Toad**

*"This is a book for anyone who ever doubted that history was a vibrant, living thing; who ever thought that hard times would never end; who never believed in the power of family, of the earth, and of love. An entertainment for children and a revelation for their parents."*

— **Steve Friedman, author of The Agony of Victory: When Winning Isn't Enough**

R.M.Parrish was raised in the Carolina's by a whole bunch of Southerners from Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. She has been writing since childhood and owes a great debt of gratitude to her Mother who urged her to pursue it. She lives in New York City with her husband, James, where she writes, teaches, and works as an actress. This first novel is a labor of love, in honor of her grandmother, Robbie Lee Wilds Bedenbaugh.

R.M. Parrish is available for interviews in person, by phone, or by email