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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

PAUL CHASMAN has been a professional guitarist, teacher, and composer his entire adult life. He recorded his first album in 1979, and now has a dozen full-length releases in his name.

In May 2003, following the United States' invasion of Iraq, Chasman wrote a letter to President George W. Bush telling him he liked the Dixie Chicks and suggested he check them out. He signed the letter, "Carl Estrada."

The next day, Carl wrote another letter to President Bush giving him the heads-up that his American flag lapel pin was crooked. So began a year-and-a-half of daily letter writing under aliases of Carl Estrada, Brad Cahoon, and a cast of characters.

Chasman set up a web site: www.thecarlletters.com on which he posted his letters and subsequent replies. During the 2004 American presidential elections, Chasman put his guitars in the closet to devote his full time to the Carl Letters and other political activities.

The day after the elections, Paul Chasman began writing *The Book of Bob*