

ANDREA BARRETT: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Andrea Barrett is the author of five novels: *Lucid Stars* (1988), *Secret Harmonies* (1989), *The Middle Kingdom* (1991), *The Forms of Water* (1993) and *The Voyage of the Narwhal* (1998), and two short story collections, the National Book Award winner *Ship Fever* (1996) and *Servants of the Map* (2002).

Barrett grew up on Cape Cod, Massachusetts and graduated from Union College in Schenectady, New York with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Barrett has taught in the MFA Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina, and has been a visiting writer and lecturer at numerous institutions and writers' conferences including the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Vermont and the New York State Summer Writer's Institute at Skidmore College.

Barrett's awards for her writing have been numerous. She received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1992 and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1997. She won the National Book Award for Fiction in 1996 for her first short story collection *Ship Fever*. In 1999, she received the Lillian Fairchild Award from the University of Rochester. In 2001, Barrett was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (also known as the "genius award") and in 2003, she received the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She has also been a fellow at the Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library. *Servants of the Map* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2003 and its title story was selected for *Best American Stories 2001* and *Prize Stories 2001: The O. Henry Awards*. The stories "Theories of Rain," and "The Forest," both in *Servants of the Map*, were included in *Prize Stories 2000: The O. Henry Awards* and *The 1998 Pushcart Prize XXII*, respectively.

Barrett currently lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts with her husband, the biophysicist and photographer Barry Goldstein, and teaches at Williams College.