

Something about the author

Whilst it can be argued that for a reader to enjoy a book they do not need to know anything about the author, for your level of study it is worth having some information about the person who created the text: it might give you some ideas about why they wrote the book; whether it is in a particular style that the author usually adopts, or in a particular place; what the author's intentions were in writing or if it is in any way a reflection of the author's own experiences.

Anne Tyler is an American. She was born on October 25th 1941 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina.

She has written seventeen novels for adults, with an eighteenth due out in 2009:

If Morning Ever Comes (1964)

The Tin Can Tree (1965)

A Slipping Down Life (1969)

The Clock Winder (1972)

Celestial Navigation (1974)

Searching for Caleb (1975)

Earthly Possessions (1977)

Morgan's Passing (1980)

Dinner At the Homesick Restaurant (1982)

The Accidental Tourist (1985)

Breathing Lessons (1988)

Saint Maybe (1991)

Ladder of Years (1995)

A Patchwork Planet (1998)

Back When We Were Grownups (2001)

The Amateur Marriage (2004)

Digging to America (2006)

Her eleventh novel, *Breathing Lessons*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988. In 1994, Tyler was nominated 'the greatest living novelist writing in English' by Roddy Doyle and Nick Hornby.

She was married to an Iranian psychiatrist and novelist, Taghi Mohammad Modarressi who died in 1997. They had two daughters. Tyler now lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Read the following articles about Anne Tyler for further information on her life, influences and reviews of her books.

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/americas/in-search-of--anne-tyler-in-baltimore-602287.html>

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