

Margaret Atwood

Born in Ottawa, Ontario in 1939, Margaret Eleanor Atwood spent her early childhood traveling in eastern Canada. Although she began writing at the age of five, and was a voracious reader, Atwood did not attend school full time until she was twelve. While studying at Victoria College (part of the University of Toronto), she published poems and articles for the school's literary journal, and participated in local drama. Upon completing her studies at the University of Toronto, Atwood went on to earn a master's degree in english literature from Radcliffe College (Cambridge, Massachusetts) in 1962.

Atwood's written more than forty books of prose and poetry, and several critical essays. She's won numerous awards and honors, including the **Man Booker Prize**, the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Governor General's Award, the Franz Kafka Prize, and the Lifetime Achievement Award (twice). Her themes touch on gender and personal identity, religion, and climate change. Much of her work is inspired by the myths and fairy tales she grew up with in the backwoods of northern Quebec. Atwood's possibly best known for her science fiction novel, *The Handmaid's Tale* (1985). Atwood refers to the book as 'speculative fiction'.

A few months ago, the Bookworms (the Manchester Library's readers' group) discussed her novel *Hag-Seed* (2016), a story centered on an appreciation of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Margaret Atwood currently resides in Toronto with her significant other, Graeme Gibson, with whom she's lived since 1973.

Essay by Bill Lounsbury

KRL has many of Margaret Atwood's books, including Hag-Seed and The Handmaid's Tale (book and DVD (Season One)).

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BOOK WORMS (monthly, 7 pm)

On Monday, September 16, we will discuss *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley. On October 21, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

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Books We Read This Summer !!

Slow Horses by Mick Herron ... The first of a set of spy thrillers set in today's London. A wonderful way to get a look at the England of "Brexit."

Star Thrower by Loren Eiseley ... Some of the most beautiful stories and essays ever written. If you love the world around you, you must read this book. Even if you suspect that animals are intelligent, you will still be surprised.

Youth Services Librarian: Nell Secor

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