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About the Author

William Trevor was born in Mitchelstown, County Cork, and spent his childhood in provincial Ireland. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin. He is the author of twenty-nine books, including *Felicia’s Journey*, which won the Whitbread Book of the Year Award and was made into a motion picture, and *The Story of Lucy Gault*, which was shortlisted for both the Man Booker Prize and the Whitbread Fiction Prize. In 1996 he was the recipient of the Lannan Award for Fiction. In 2001, he won the Irish Times Literature Prize for fiction. Two of his books were chosen by *The New York Times* as best books of the year, and his short stories appeared regularly in *The New Yorker*. In 1997, he was named Honorary Commander of the British Empire.

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