

# Meet Geraldine Brooks

Winner of the Tulsa Library Trust's 2009

Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award



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## FREE PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING

**Saturday, Dec. 5 • 10:30 a.m.**

**Central Library • Second Floor**

"There's a romance between Brooks and the world, and her writing is as full of heart and curiosity as it is intelligence and judgment." – The Boston Globe

Geraldine Brooks, an award-winning journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, has written two nonfiction books and three novels. Brooks was a foreign correspondent for The Wall Street Journal in the late-1980s through mid-'90s, where she covered crises in the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans, including the Persian Gulf War.

Brooks' nonfiction books are "Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women" and "Foreign Correspondence: A Pen Pal's Journey From Down Under to All Over." Her first novel, "Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague," was an international best-seller. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 2006 for her second novel, "March," which focuses on what happened to John March, the father character in Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," the year he was away from his wife and four daughters. Brooks' most recent novel is "People of the Book," a New York Times best-seller translated into 20 languages. Inspired by the true story of a mysterious rare illuminated Hebrew manuscript known as the Sarajevo Haggadah, "People of the Book" is a sweeping adventure through five centuries of history.

## Novel Talk: The Gifts of Tragedy

**Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Central Library • Aaronson Auditorium**

When tragedy strikes, where do you turn? Why do some people thrive while others fall apart? Join us as we explore these issues using Geraldine Brooks' "Year of Wonders." Channel 2 news anchor Erin Christy will moderate a panel of speakers, which includes a minister, a clinical psychologist and a European history professor. Sponsored by Central Library's Readers' Library, BookSmart Tulsa, Circle Cinema and Urban Furnishings.

## Books Sandwiched In Presents

**"A Geraldine Brooks Sampler"**

**Monday, Nov. 30 • 12:10-12:50 p.m.**

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Presented by Donna Farris, member of the Distinguished Author Selection Committee. Sponsored by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries.