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Features the Works of

Jane Urquhart

Jane Urquhart is a powerful, lyrical writer. Her language is intense, evocative and sensuous. She sweeps you away in the current of time past and present.
About Jane Urquhart

Born in Little Longlac, Ontario, she spent her later childhood and adolescence in Toronto. In addition to her novels, she has published three books of poetry ("I'm Walking in the Garden of His Imaginary Palace," "False Shuffles," and "The Little Flowers of Madame de Montespan.")

Jane Urquhart's books have been published in many countries, including the Netherlands, France, Germany, Britain, Scandinavia, Australia, and the United States, and have been translated into several languages.

In 1992, her novel "The Whirlpool" was the first Canadian book to win France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger (Best Foreign Book Award). Her third novel, "Away", remained on the Globe and Mail newspaper's National Bestseller list for 132 weeks (the longest of any Canadian book), and won the 1994 Trillium Award.

In 1994 Ms. Urquhart also received the Marian Engel Award for an outstanding body of prose written by a Canadian woman. In 1996 she was named to France's Order of Arts and Letters as a Chevalier, and "Away" was shortlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the world's largest literary prize for a single work of fiction. In 1997 Urquhart was asked to serve on the jury for this award.

Jane Urquhart has been Writer-in-Residence at the University of Ottawa and at Memorial University of Newfoundland and, during the winter and spring of 1997, she held the Presidential Writer-in-Residence Fellowship at the University of Toronto. She has also given readings and lectures in Canada, Britain, Europe, the USA and Australia.

In the fall of 1997, her fourth novel, "The Underpainter", was published to wide critical acclaim, winning the 1997 Governor General's Award, and becoming a fixture on the national bestseller lists.

In 2001 she published "The Stone Carvers", another highly acclaimed international bestseller that was a finalist for both The Giller Prize and the Governor General's Award.
Novels by Jane Urquhart:

The Whirlpool  Changing Heaven  Away

The Underpainter  The Stone Carvers  A Map of Glass
Collections:

False Shuffles  The little Flowers of Madame De Montespan  Storm Glass

Some Other Garden  Penguin Book of Canadian Short Stories

I am Walking in the Garden of His Imaginary Palace