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About the Author

Mary Gordon is the author of the novels *Spending*, *The Company of Women*, *The Rest of Life*, *Final Payments*, and *The Other Side*, as well as the memoir *The Shadow Man*. She has received a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the 1997 O. Henry Award for best story. She teaches at Barnard College and lives in New York City.

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