

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Geraldine Brooks, a native of Australia, has won numerous awards for her work as a newspaper journalist and author of fiction and non-fiction books. Her first novel, *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* (2001), was an international bestseller. This year, Brooks' second novel, *March* (2005), earned her the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. She is also the author of the critically acclaimed *Nine Parts of Desire* (1994), which recounts her experiences among Islamic women in the Middle East, and *Foreign Correspondence* (1997), a memoir for which she won the Nita B. Kibble Award for women's writing.

Brooks, who holds a Master's Degree in journalism from Columbia University, has worked for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Wall Street Journal*. As a reporter for the *Journal*, she covered conflicts in Africa, the Balkans, and the Middle East. In 1990, Brooks and her husband, Tony Horwitz (also a Pulitzer Prize winner), won the Overseas Press Club Award for their coverage of the first Gulf War.