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About the Author

Gail Godwin is a three-time National Book Award finalist and the bestselling author of twelve critically acclaimed novels, including *A Mother and Two Daughters*, *Violet Clay*, *Father Melancholy's Daughter*, *Evensong*, *The Good Husband*, *Queen of the Underworld*, and *Unfinished Desires*. She is also the author of *The Making of a Writer: Journals, 1961–1963* and *The Making of a Writer, Volume 2: Journals, 1963–1969*, edited by Rob Neufeld. She has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts grants for both fiction and libretto writing, and the Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She has written libretti for ten musical works with the composer Robert Starer. Gail Godwin lives in Woodstock, New York.

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