

## A JANE GARDAM SAMPLER

English novelist Jane Gardam has written seventeen novels, several books for children, and many short stories. Winner of numerous awards for her writing, Gardam, now in her 80s, is a versatile and agile author. For the Jane Gardam Sampler, we will read one short novel and a collection of short stories. Those who have read novels such as *Old Filth* and *A Long Way from Verona* may be surprised by *The Hollow Land*, which is short, has two young-boy protagonists, is funny, sometimes hair-raising, and an overall delight. Participants are encouraged to read *The Hollow Land* before our course begins; we will discuss it at our first class meeting. The rest of this eight-week discussion-based course will focus on the stories in the collection *The Stories of Jane Gardam*, which showcase her authorial skills in plotting, depth and range of emotion, humor and seriousness, and characterization and storytelling.

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**LEADER:** Lynne Cullinane has been teaching Evergreen Forum literature courses for the last several years, following a long career in public and private education.

**THURSDAYS:** 10:00 a.m. to noon, 8 weeks beginning September 30 through November 18

**MAXIMUM:** 17