

MARGARET ATWOOD

Fill in the gaps using the scrambled words between brackets

Margaret Atwood is not only of CANADA's major CONTEMPORARY authors, but she can also be considered one of the most important living WRITERS of English. She is well-known around the world and her work has been TRANSLATED into more than 30 LANGUAGES. Besides BEING a leading NOVELIST and poet, she is also a children's book author, a SCRIPTWRITER, an essayist, a literary and social critic and an environmental ACTIVIST. She has written more than 40 books of fiction, POETRY and critical essay.

Margaret Atwood was born in Ottawa in 1939. She STUDIED at the university of Toronto, at Radcliffe college in Cambridge, Mass, and Harvard university. The Handmaid's Tale is set in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the buildings DESCRIBED in the novel correspond to those of Harvard university.

Margaret Atwood started her literary career by PUBLISHING a collection of poems.

Mrs Atwood's background as a poet can also be noticed in her NOVELS. Among her best-known novels are The Edible woman (1969), The Handmaid's Tale (1985), The Blind Assassin (2000) and a DYSTOPIAN trilogy entitled The MaddAdam Trilogy. Her latest novels are The Heart goes Last (2015) and Hag-Seed (2016).

Margaret Atwood's novels often reflect her CONCERN about the world we live in, the environmental problems of our time and the rôle of WOMEN in society.

Fairly often her PROTAGONISTS are victims or exploited; more often than not, they are faced with a situation in which they have to confront their identity, with all their individual strengths and WEAKNESSES, feelings and ideas. Her stories often have open ENDINGS leaving the reader to SPECULATE about what might happen next.

The Handmaid's Tale is the novel that was RESPONSIBLE for Mrs Atwood's international success and has become a standard and required reading in schools and universities all around the world.

Margaret Atwood lives with her HUSBAND- the writer Graeme Gibson – in Toronto. They have a DAUGHTER - Eleanor Jess- who was BORN in 1976.

