

## ALICE SEBOLD

Rarely has an author had such an impact on international literature with her first novel, especially when it focuses on the dark subjects of rape, child murder, and the dissolution of families. Yet with [\*The Lovely Bones\*](#), Alice Sebold seemed to manage the impossible. The book sold over five million copies in America alone.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, Sebold grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and attended Syracuse University as well as the University of Houston and UC Irvine. She has contributed to numerous anthologies and edited [\*The Best American Short Stories 2009\*](#). She selected and edited the first four published books with Tonga Books, a Europa Editions imprint specializing in works of literary fiction by American authors.