

TESS GALLAGHER

Tess Gallagher (born July 21, 1943 in [Port Angeles, Washington](#)) is an [American](#) poet, essayist, and short story writer. She attended the [University of Washington](#), where she studied creative writing with [Theodore Roethke](#) and later [Nelson Bentley](#) as well as [David Wagoner](#) and [Mark Strand](#). Her honors include a fellowship from the [Guggenheim Foundation](#), two [National Endowment for the Arts](#) awards, the The Maxine Cushing Gray Endowed Libraries Visiting Writers Fellowship (University of Washington), and the Elliston Award for "best book of poetry published by a small press" for the collection *Instructions to the Double* (1976).^{[[citation needed](#)]}

Her late husband, [Raymond Carver](#), encouraged her to write short stories, some of which were collected in *The Lover of Horses* (1987) and *At the Owl Woman Saloon* (1996).

Gallagher has taught at many colleges, most recently at [Bucknell University](#) and [Whitman College](#).