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Eleanor Wachtel began her career at the CBC in 1987. She has hosted Writers & Company since 1990 and The Arts Tonight from 1996 to 2007. Ms. Wachtel has published four books of interviews: Writers & Company, More Writers & Company, Original Minds, and Random Illuminations. She is the winner of the Jack Award for the promotion of Canadian books, as well as the recipient of six honorary degrees. In 2005, Ms. Wachtel became a Member of the Order of Canada.

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ELEANOR WACHTEL

CBC Radio Host *Writers & Company* and *Wachtel on the Arts*

The Lives of Writers

CBC Radio host Eleanor Wachtel is a national treasure whose informed conversations, infused with wisdom and wit, are as much a part of this country's cultural landscape as the works of the authors and thinkers she so graciously interviews.

Her talk on "The Lives of Writers" looks at several aspects of the relationship between the writer and the work. First, the appetite for literary biography and how greater knowledge of the life may affect the reader's appreciation of the work. Then, drawing on her personal experience of interviewing so many of the world's great writers, she looks at specific instances of how writers reveal what is primary to them. The writer as exile or outsider, marginal to society, provides the third focal point of this wide-ranging and idiosyncratic talk, complete with audio illustrations.

Both Writers and Company and The Arts Tonight have won CBC Radio Awards for Excellence. In one instance, the judges noted that if they had to take one hour of radio to a desert island, it would be Writers & Company.

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