

Madeleine Thien



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Born in Vancouver with a family heritage that traces back to Indonesia, novelist and short story writer Madeleine Thien attended Simon Fraser University as a student of dance before switching to UBC to take up Creative Writing studies.

Later, she moved to Montreal. She is currently serving as a member of the International Faculty in the Master of Arts in Creative Writing Program at the [University of Hong Kong](#).

A short story collection, [Simple Recipes](#) (2002) won the Ethel Wilson fiction prize and the City of Vancouver Book Award, as well as being a regional finalist for a Commonwealth Prize.

Her debut novel, [Certainty](#), came out in 2005. Thien is interviewed here by Laura Atkins in [papertigers.org](#).