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Anne Tyler, a novelist who has received much critical and popular acclaim, is known for her insightful, often comic depictions of family relationships and ordinary life. Her novels, the best of which include *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* (1982), *The Accidental Tourist* (1985), and *Breathing Lessons* (1988), have won such prestigious awards as the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. A longtime resident of Baltimore, where she often sets her novels, Tyler is viewed by many as a Southern novelist, largely because of her concern with family, home, and place.

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