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Chapter 1 : The University of South Carolina Press

Drawing upon her own correspondence with Tyler in addition to interviews and personal statements throughout her career, Petry also explores how Tyler herself feels about her achievement, her work habits, the various influences on her writing, and her place in contemporary American literature.

Early childhood[edit] The oldest of four children, she was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Both her parents were Quakers who were very active with social causes in the Midwest and the South. While she did not attend formal public school in Celso, lessons were taught in art, carpentry, and cooking in homes and in other subjects in a tiny school house. Her early informal training was supplemented by correspondence school. Tyler acknowledges that this book, which she read many times during this period of limited access to books, had a profound influence on her, showing "how the years flowed by, people altered, and nothing could ever stay the same. Tyler also describes reading *Little Women* 22 times as a child. In my case, it was emerging from the communitarian and trying to fit into the outside world. Scott Fitzgerald, and many others. Peacock would also later teach the writer Armistead Maupin. She loved painting and the visual arts. She also was involved in the drama society in high school and at Duke, where she acted in a number of plays, playing Laura in *The Glass Menagerie* and Mrs. Gibbs in *Our Town*. With her Russian Literature background she received a fellowship to graduate school in Slavic Studies at Columbia University. There she became somewhat addicted to riding trains and subways: She returned to Duke, where she got a job in the library as a Russian bibliographer. This short story led to her meeting Diarmuid Russell, to whom Price had sent it with kudos. Years later she disowned both of these novels, as well as many of the short stories she wrote during this period. Two years later a second daughter, Mitra, was born. About this time, the couple moved to Baltimore, MD as Taghi had finished his residency and obtained a position at the University of Maryland Medical School. Baltimore is generally considered to have a true mix of Southern and Northern culture. It also is set in area of considerable Quaker presence, and Tyler eventually enrolled both her daughters in a local Friends school. In her own opinion, her writing improved considerably during this period; with her children entering school, she was able to devote a great deal more focus to it than had been possible since she graduated from Duke. It was a difficult book to write she notes, since it required rewriting draft after draft to truly develop her understanding of the characters. So unconventional a love story that it appears to take its protagonists themselves by surprise. It was also made into a movie starring William Hurt and Geena Davis. The popularity of this well-received film further increased the growing public awareness of her work. *Ladder of Years* was chosen by Time Magazine as one of the ten best books of . Between and , she edited three anthologies: *The Best of the Second Decade*. Modarressi, 10 years her senior, had left Iran and his family as a political refugee at age . There he met Tyler and discovered their common interest in literature. Tyler and Modarressi had two daughters, Tezh and Mitra. Tezh is an artist who works primarily in oils; she also is a professional photographer. In she broke with this policy and gave her first face-to-face interview in almost 40 years. The summary that follows of the nature of her work relies upon selected descriptions and insights by a limited number of the many distinguished literati who have reviewed her works. Also Tyler herself has revealed much about her own writing through interviews. Although she has refused to participate in face-to-face interviews until very recently, she has participated in numerous e-mail interviews over the years. They are Southern in their sure sense of family and place but lack the taste for violence and the Gothic that often characterizes self-consciously southern literature. They are modern in their fictional techniques, yet utterly unconcerned with contemporary moment as a subject, so that, with only minor dislocations, her stories could just as well have taken place in twenties or thirties. My reason for writing now is to live lives other than my own, and I do that by burrowing deeper and deeper. As early as , Pollitt described her skill in this way: Their often humble or eccentric occupations, carefully observed and threaded with humor, are tightly sewn to the other parts of their lives, offering them the mixed benefit of tedium and consolation, as well as a lighted stage for the unfolding of their dramatic selves.

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She also allows her men and women an opportunity for redemption. I never did see why I have to throw in a plot, too. My people wander around my study until the novel is done. Her ability to conduct several conversations at once while getting the food to the table turns the act of reading into a kind of transport. An inexplicable centripetal force hurls these relatives upon one another, catches them in a dizzying inward spiral of obligation, affection and old-fashioned guilt—as well as an inexpressible longing for some perfect or "normal" family in a distant past that never really was. Almost every novel by Anne Tyler begins with a loss or absence that reactivates in the family some primordial sense of itself. In her patient investigation of such struggles, Miss Tyler has produced a very satisfying body of fiction. The stories in many of her novels span decades, if only by flashbacks. Joyce Carol Oates emphasized the role of time in this manner: The minutiae of family life can yield a startling significance seen from the right perspective, as Tyler shows us. I believe they all count. They all reveal character, which is the factor that most concerns me. It does fascinate me, though, that small details can be so meaningful. The real heroes to me in my books are first the ones who manage to endure. I would say piss and vinegar for [Philip] Roth and for me milk and cookies. As for the little details Ms. Tyler sprinkles over her story—they, too, have a paint-by-numbers touch. They add up to a patchwork novel that feels hokey, mechanical. She is very disciplined and consistent about her work schedule and environment. She starts work in the early morning and generally works until 2 pm. Characters, descriptions, and scenes often emerge from these notes. I could go on writing about them forever.

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