

# Barbara Kingsolver '77 to be Inducted Into Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame

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Barbara Kingsolver, award-winning and best-selling author and 1977 graduate of DePauw University, is among five acclaimed authors who will be inducted into the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place February 2 at 7 p.m. at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington.

"Kingsolver, 61, was born in Maryland to a family with roots in Nicholas County, where she spent much of her childhood," notes the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. "She earned biology and ecology degrees from DePauw University and the University of Arizona. Her books explore themes of feminism, social justice and environmentalism. Many of Kingsolver's 14 books have been national best-sellers, and she has won numerous awards, including the National Humanities Medal. **Writer's Digest** named her one of the most important writers of the 20th century."

The paper adds, "Kingsolver, who grew up in Carlisle and lives in southwest Virginia, plans to attend and speak at the ceremony."



More details are available at [the newspaper's website](#).

The author of **The Poisonwood Bible; The Bean Trees; Flight Behavior; The Lacuna; Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life; and The Bean Trees**, among other books, Kingsolver received the National Humanities Medal in 2000 and the [2010 Orange Prize](#). (at left: Kingsolver speaking at DePauw on April 16, 1991)

She said in a PBS documentary, "I wanted to go somewhere far away and exotic, so I went to DePauw University in Indiana. All the scales fell from my eyes; it was wonderful."

Kingsolver delivered the 1994 commencement address at her alma mater, "As Little Advice as Possible." You can see and hear the speech below.