

**Curriculum Vitae**

- ∞ Born in Lincoln 25 April 1949.
- ∞ Educated at Durham Choristers School, Repton School,
- ∞ Magdalen College, Oxford (read Philosophy, Psychology and Physiology for MA.) Elected Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, 1999.
- ∞ Became Assistant Literary Editor on The New Statesman in 1971, subsequently Editorial Assistant in 1972.
- ∞ Freelance correspondent in Indochina 1973-5, writing for The New Statesman and The Washington Post.
- ∞ Political columnist on The New Statesman, 1976-78.
- ∞ German correspondent on The Guardian, 1978-79.
- ∞ Chief Theatre Critic on The Sunday Times, 1979-84.
- ∞ Chief Book Reviewer on The Times 1984-86.
- ∞ Far East Correspondent on The Independent, 1986-88.
- ∞ Columnist on The Independent, 1993-95.
- ∞ Professor of Poetry, University of Oxford, 1994-99.
- ∞ Regular contributor to The New York Review of Books.
- ∞ Currently Columnist on The Guardian.
- ∞ Trustee of The National Gallery from 2002.
- ∞ Visitor of The Ashmolean Museum from 2002.
- ∞ Warburg Professor at the Warburg Haus, Hamburg, 2005.
- ∞ Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature, 1983.
- ∞ Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts, 2003.
- ∞ Antiquarian of The Royal Academy.
- ∞ Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. 2007.