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LECTURER OF THE YEAR SUZANNE MATSON

Suzanne Matson is a poet, author and English professor at Boston College.

Her acclaimed fourth novel, *Ultraviolet*, was published by Catapult in 2018. It is the story of three generations of women and “the complexities of marriage, motherhood, aging, and the end of life.” From Publishers Weekly’s starred review: “Readers will latch onto the unforgettable characters of this accomplished saga of the shifting personal and historical complications of American womanhood.”

She writes short fiction and nonfiction articles and essays, and her poems have been widely published. Suzanne talks about Finnish identity as a writer, and reads from her works.

She addresses the process of turning personal and public history into literature, and conducts an interactive workshop, “Writing Our Family Stories,” to which participants bring source material, such as a family photograph, letter, ship manifest, recipe or oral history, that would inspire a short writing exercise.

Suzanne, who lives in Newton, Massachusetts, is originally from Oregon. She received a BA in English from Portland State University, an MA in Creative Writing from the University of Washington and a PhD in English, also from Washington.

Learn more about Suzanne at her website: suzannematson.com.

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