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## A Conversation with Ann Patchett, Winner of the 2014 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award

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Aired on Thursday, December 4th.

On this installment of ST, we speak with the winner of the 2014 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award, which is annually given by the Tulsa Library Trust. (Past recipients of this honor include Michael Chabon, John Updike, and Geraldine Brooks.) Ann Patchett is our guest today; she is a bestselling American novelist and essayist who's written six novels (among them "The Magician's Assistant," "Bel Canto," "Run," and "State of Wonder") and three books of nonfiction (including the recent "This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage"). Interestingly, and importantly, Patchett is also the co-owner of Parnassus Books in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn. This bookshop opened in 2011, and since its debut, Patchett has become a valued spokesperson for independent booksellers everywhere, talking about books and bookstores on "The Colbert Report," NPR, "The Martha Stewart Show," and elsewhere. You can meet Patchett at a free-to-the-public book signing and presentation at the TCCL's Hardesty Regional Library (in Tulsa at 8316 E. 93rd Street) on Saturday the 6th at 10:30am. More details about that event can be found [here](#).

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