



Ann Patchett On Her Seventh Novel, “Commonwealth” Monday, September 12, 2016



Author Ann Patchett speaks at a bookstore in Washington, DC. [POLITICS AND PROSE/FLICKR](#)

An unexpected guest arrives at a christening party with a bottle of gin. An illicit kiss follows soon after. So begins Ann Patchett’s latest novel “Commonwealth.” Like so much of Patchett’s work, it reflects her interest in what happens when people are uprooted and thrown together under new and unfamiliar circumstances. But this work, she says, is her most personal yet – dealing with divorce, its aftermath, and the complicated reality of blended families. The bestselling author of “Bel Canto” and “State of Wonder” joins us to talk about her new novel, and why it’s her answer to what’s missing on bookstore shelves today.

Ann Patchett author of seven novels, including "Bel Canto," winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize; co-owner of Parnassus Books in Nashville, Tennessee.