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#### About the Author

Gillian Avery (1926- ) was born in Reigate, Surrey, where she started her writing career as a journalist on the *Surrey Mirror*. Deciding that the pace of book publishing was more congenial than that of newspapers, she went to Oxford in 1950 to work for the Clarendon Press. In 1952 she married a don, Anthony Cockshut, and when they moved to Manchester she was so homesick for Oxford that she set her first novel, *The Warden's Niece* (1957), in an Oxford college in Victorian times, feeling an affinity between her own pre-war generation and the Victorian child, characterized by a 'meek acceptance of the power of the adult world'. Returning to Oxford in 1964, she continued to write novels, including *A Likely Lad*, set in Manchester, which won the *Guardian* award for children's fiction in 1971 and was successfully dramatized as a children's TV serial.

Gillian Avery is also well known as a reviewer and historian of children's literature. Her two most recent books are *Behold the Child: American Children and their Books, 1621-1922* and *The Everyman Anthology of Poetry for Children*.

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