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- Thomas E. Luddy, Salem State Coll., Mass.

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About the Author

Wendy Wasserstein is the author of the plays *Uncommon Women and Others*, *Isn't It Romantic*, *The Sisters Rosensweig*, *An American Daughter*, and *The Heidi Chronicles*, for which she received a Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize, and of the books, *Bachelor Girls* and *Shiksa Goddess*. She was admired both for the warmth and the satirical cool of her writing; each of her plays and books captures an essence of the time, makes us laugh and leaves us wiser. Wendy Wasserstein was born in 1950 in Brooklyn and died at the age of 55. Her daughter, Lucy Jane, lives in New York.

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