

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0135

## Brooks, Geraldine

(1955 - )

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**Born** 19550914, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Author, Journalist

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### Summary

Sydney-born journalist Geraldine Brooks worked as a Middle-East correspondent during the 1980s and early 1990s.

### Details

Brooks worked for the *Sydney Morning Herald* before joining the Journal's Australasian bureau in the mid-1980s and then transferring to the Middle-East. She spent several years as a Middle-East correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal*. Brooks reported on the Iran-Iraq war, the Palestinian uprising and the Gulf War. From 1993 to 1994 she was the United Nation's correspondent covering the peacekeeping operations in Somalia.

Her first book *Nine Parts of Desire: the Hidden World of Islamic Women* was published in 1995. In 1999, Brooks was the recipient of the Kibble Literary Award for Women Writers for her second publication *Foreign Correspondence*. Her third publication, *Years of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague*, was released in 2001.

Brooks married American journalist Tony Horwitz (1958–2019) in 1994 and they have a son, Nathaniel.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2001, Herd, Margaret, 2000

#### Resource

Geraldine Brooks,  
<http://www.randomhouse.com/boldtype/0398/brooks>

From Bland Street to Bosnia, Waldren, Murray,  
<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~waldrenm/bland.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Newspaper Article

The chronicler of chaos, Perkins, Corrie, 2001

Australia Day honours: David Walsh and Elizabeth Broderick among recipients, Davey, Melissa and Brereton, Adam, 2016,  
<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2016/jan/26/australia-day-honours-david-walsh-and-elizabeth-broderick-among-rec>

#### Book

Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women, Brooks, Geraldine, c1995

Foreign Correspondence, Brooks, Geraldine, 1998

Years of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague, Brooks, Geraldine, 2001

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia**

[\[Biographical cuttings on Geraldine Brooks, journalist, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Janet Hawley, 1946-2006 \[manuscript\]](#)

### **Author Details**

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