

**Biography**

Born in St. Louis, Lucy Ferriss has lived on both coasts, in the middle, and abroad. She is the author of eleven books, mostly fiction, including her forthcoming book of stories, *Foreign Climes* (Brighthorse, 2021). Her most recent novel, *A Sister to Honor*, has four main sources of inspiration: Lucy's day job teaching at a college with the world's #1 squash team, her research in northern Pakistan, her parenting of an elite athlete, and her history as a rebellious daughter. Lucy's previous novel, *The Lost Daughter* (Berkley, 2012), was a Book-of-the-Month Club alternate pick, appeared on the Barnes & Noble bestseller list, and was translated into Polish and Chinese. Her memoir, *Unveiling the Prophet: The Misadventures of a Reluctant Debutante*, was called Best Book of the Year by the *Riverfront Times*. Her novel *Nerves of the Heart* was a finalist in the Peter Taylor Prize competition. *Leaving the Neighborhood and Other Stories*, her earlier collection of short fiction, was the 2000 winner of the Mid-List First Series Award. Other short fiction and essays have appeared most recently in the *New York Times*, *Missouri Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, and *Georgia Review*, and have been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Faulkner Society, the International Society for Narrative, the Fulbright Commission, and the George Bennett Fund, among others.

Lucy received her Ph.D. from Tufts University and lives with Don Moon in the Berkshires and in Connecticut, where she recently retired after twenty years as Writer-in-Residence at Trinity College. She has two strong sons and abiding passions for music, politics, travel, tennis, and wilderness. She is working on a novel about a 12<sup>th</sup>-century nun who becomes a legendary illuminator of manuscripts.