Amy Bloom

Amy Bloom earned a Master of Social Work after her BA in Theater / Political Science and practiced psychotherapy before turning definitively to writing and teaching - first at Yale, and since 2010 at Wesleyan, where she is the Shapiro-Silverberg Professor of Creative Writing. Her novels have been nominated for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Her fourth, *White Houses*, portraying the love of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok, was just published in February to great acclaim.

Bloom’s short fiction has appeared in anthologies including *The Best American Short Stories* and *The O. Henry Prize Stories*, has won a National Magazine Award, and is collected in three volumes. In 2012 Bloom published her children's book, *Little Sweet Potato*, and in 2007, inspired by her background in psychotherapy, she created the Lifetime television show *State of Mind*, focusing on the professional and personal lives of psychotherapists, for which she was coproducer and writer.