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New York, October 8--Farrar, Straus and Giroux is delighted by the news that Louise Glück has been awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature. She is the sixteenth woman and first American to receive this prestigious prize since Bob Dylan was honored in 2016. Toni Morrison was the last American to receive the prize before him, winning in 1993.

Jonathan Galassi, her longtime editor and President of FSG, says, “Louise Glück is one of the rare contemporary poets whose work has the power to speak directly to others through her great and subtle art. As the Nobel Committee said, her poetry’s ‘austere beauty makes individual experience universal.’ This is very accurate. It’s wonderful to have her astringent, witty, profoundly human voice, a voice that so richly reflects our own inner feelings and reactions, so broadly recognized. I’m sure the prize will bring her many, many new readers.”


Louise Glück is the author of more than a dozen books of poems and a collection of essays. Her many awards include the 2020 Nobel Prize in Literature, the 2015 National Humanities Medal, the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for The Wild Iris, the 2014 National Book Award for Faithful and Virtuous Night, the 1985 National Book Critics Circle Award for The Triumph of Achilles, the 2001 Bollingen Prize, the 2012 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Poems: 1962-2012, and the 2008 Wallace Stevens Award from the Academy of American Poets. She was the US poet laureate from 2003 to 2004 and has received the National Humanities Medal. She teaches at Yale University and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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