



# REBECCA GODFREY

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October 3, 2022

Godfrey was born in Toronto, Ontario, to writers Dave Godfrey<sup>[1]</sup> and Ellen Godfrey. As a child she relocated with her family to Victoria, British Columbia. Rebecca graduated from Mount Douglas Secondary School in the class of 1985. Godfrey attended the University of Toronto and Sarah Lawrence College, from which she received an MFA in creative writing.

Godfrey worked in Toronto and New York as a journalist and editor before she began writing books. Her first novel, *The Torn Skirt* (2001) was shortlisted for the 2002 Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. Described as a feminine alternative to the works of David Foster Wallace, it received a favorable review in the *New York Times*. Her second book, *Under the Bridge* (2005) about the beating death of Victoria's Reena Virk.

Rebecca was an adjunct assistant professor of creative writing at Columbia University.

A week before her death from lung cancer, she was told her *Under the Bridge* novel was being made into an 8 episode crime series for TV.

Her final novel, *Peggy*, was finished by her friend posthumously and published.

Rebecca died October 9, 2022 in New York City leaving her husband and Herbert Wilson and daughter Ada and her mother.