

Constance Urdang

Poet and novelist Constance Urdang was born in New York, and attended Smith College and the University of Iowa. She worked as an editor for several New York publishers before she returned to school in 1954. In 1955, she married the poet Donald Finkel, and they moved to Mexico, where they lived until 1960. From 1974 until her death, she was on the Washington University faculty, where she taught and coordinated several writing programs. In poems such as "Reflections on History in Missouri," and "To Live with Landscape," Urdang uses a free verse form to reflect on the image of America, both past and present.