

W. S. Merwin



A prolific poet and translator, W.S. Merwin's style changed over the years from traditional to free form. He won the Yale Series of Younger Poets Prize for his first book, *A Mask for Janus*, published in 1952, and the Pulitzer Prize for his 1970 collection *The Carrier of Ladders*. A prolific writer, he was the author of over 50 books of poetry, prose, and translations. Merwin lived Hawaii for the last 40 years of his life; he was a devoted environmentalist and many of his poems take up ecological themes. He was appointed Poet Laureate of the United States in 2010. He died in 2019.