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About the Author

Lionel Shriver's novels include *The New Republic*, *So Much for That*, *The Post-Birthday World*, and the international bestseller *We Need to Talk About Kevin*. Her journalism has appeared in *The Guardian*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and many other publications.

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