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The Golden Age

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Born on 24 July 1948, Joan Elizabeth London is an Australian author known for her short stories, novels and screenplays. She studied English and French at the University of Western Australia. London has taught English and currently works as a bookseller, living in Fremantle, Western Australia.

Written Works

‘Joan London is the author of two prize-winning collections of stories, *Sister Ships*, which won *The Age* Book of the Year in 1986, and *Letter to Constantine*, which won the Steele Rudd Award in 1994 and the West Australian Premier’s Award for Fiction. These stories have been published in one volume, as *The New Dark Age*. Her first novel, *Gilgamesh*, won *The Age* Book of the Year for Fiction in 2002 and was long-listed for the Orange Prize and the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Her second novel, *The Good Parents*, won the 2009 Christina Stead Prize for fiction. Joan London’s books have all been published internationally to critical acclaim. *The Golden Age* is her third novel.’ (Biographical details, *The Golden Age*).