

# Joanne Leedom-Ackerman '64

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Joanne is a woman of many talents. She is a noted novelist, short story writer, and journalist who has published articles in newspapers and magazines, including The Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, Global Post and others, but has also committed a significant part of her life to humanitarian causes and human rights. Her works of fiction include *No Marble Angels* and *Dark Path to the River*. A Vice President of PEN International, she serves on the boards of Poets and Writers, the PEN Faulkner Foundation, the International Center for Journalists, and Words Without Borders. She is a Trustee Emeritus of Johns Hopkins University and Brown University as well as a board member of the International Crisis Group and Refugees International and an emeritus board member of Human Rights Watch and Save the Children. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, she serves on the Advisory Board of the United States Institute for Peace. In addition to her work as a writer, she has taught writing at New York University, Occidental College and UCLA Extension.