BRIEF HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Life Events

- May 28, 1913: Anna Thilda May Swenson was born. This day is recognized by the State of Utah as May Swenson Day.
- 1930: Logan High Graduate.
- 1934: Utah State Graduate.
- December 4, 1989: May died.
 She is buried in the Logan City Cemetery.
- 1997: The May Swenson Poetry Award annual competition created to honor her as one of America's most vital and provocative writers.
- 1954: The New Yorker published her poem "Snow by Morning."
- 1980-89: Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.
- 1987: MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, also known as the "Genius Award."

Achievements

• 2005: Her portrait is hung in the National Gallery in Washington DC, one of only three Utah citizens to achieve this honor.

Path Purpose

May Swenson is widely recognized in the literature world as a highly influential twentieth-century poet. The purpose of the Poetry Path is to promote appreciation and awareness of her work as one of Utah's most influential figures.

For more info visit: http://www.mayswensonsociety.org/ http://www.poetryfoundation.org/bio /may-swenson When I was little, when the poplar was in leaf, its shadow made a sheaf, the quill of a great pen dark upon the lawn where I used to play.

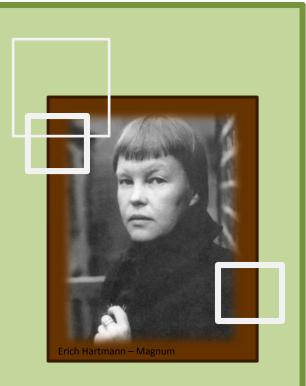
("The Poplar's Shadow" stz. 1)





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