

## **VERONICA STALLWOOD: Bio**

Veronica Stallwood was born in London but has lived in Oxfordshire for over forty years. She worked in advertising and PR before her marriage, then had a variety of jobs while bringing up her children. More recently she worked in the Bodleian Library and several Oxford college libraries. It was while working with books, and people who read and loved books, that she started to write her own.

Her first book, *Deathspell*, was published in 1992 and was well received by critics here and in the USA. There followed a series of fourteen crime novels set in Oxford, featuring an amateur sleuth, Kate Ivory. Her books are quirky rather than conventional—as is her heroine—and many have literary undertones. As well as the ‘Oxford’ series and *Deathspell*, she has written a suspense novel, *The Rainbow Sign*. She is currently working on a new trilogy set in the Cotswolds.

Her books are published by Macmillan and Headline in the UK, and in translation in Germany, the Czech Republic and Portugal, as well as in audio format by Isis.