

Miriam Gershow's debut novel, *The Local News*, was published by Spiegel and Grau in 2009. It has been called "deftly heartbreaking" with "urgency and heft" by Janet Maslin of the *New York Times*, as well as "an accomplished debut" (Publisher's Weekly) with a "disarmingly unsentimental narrative voice," (Kirkus Reviews).

Miriam grew up outside of Detroit and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She moved to Oregon in 1994 and received her MFA in fiction from the University of Oregon in 2002. Miriam is the recipient of the James C. McCreight Fiction Fellowship from the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing, as well as an Oregon Literary Fellowship from Literary Arts in Portland OR.

Her stories appear in *The Georgia Review*, *Quarterly West*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Nimrod International Journal*, *The Journal*, and *Gulf Coast*, among others journals. Miriam's stories have been listed in the 100 Distinguished Stories of *The Best American Short Stories 2007* and appeared in the *2008 Robert Olen Butler Prize Stories*. She is also a past winner of the AWP Intro Journals award and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Miriam taught fiction writing at the University of Wisconsin, as well as descriptive writing to gifted high school students through Johns Hopkins University. She currently lives in Eugene with her husband and toddler son, where she is the Associate Director of the Composition Program at the University of Oregon. She is at work on her next novel.