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Edward F. Albee Doctor of Humane Letters

Edward Albee established himself as one of America's premier playwrights more than a half-century ago. Over the course of his extraordinary career he received three Pulitzer Prizes for drama – for *A Delicate Balance* (1966; 1996 Tony Award), *Seascape* (1974), and *Three Tall Women* (1991). Other plays include *The Zoo Story* (his first, 1958), *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1961-62; 1963 Tony Award), and *The Goat or, Who Is Sylvia?* (2000; 2002 Tony Award). He is a member of the Dramatists Guild Council and the president of the Edward F. Albee Foundation. Among his many honors are a special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement (2005), the Gold Medal in Drama from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters (1980), Kennedy Center Honors (1996), and the National Medal of Arts (1996).