

J. C. ROBIN MCKINLEY

J.C. Robin McKinley, graduate of Bowdoin College in the Class of 1975, weaver of tales, tamer of horses, friend of all who yearn for ennobling adventure, you have proved in your four books and many stories that the world of the heroic imagination knows no barriers of age or gender. In 1985, The Hero and the Crown won the John Newberry Medal, awarded annually for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Though you may be found in New York City or on the coast of Maine, we know that you really dwell in your mythical kingdom of Damar, and we are all the richer for your transporting us there. We salute you for reminding us of the truth to be found in fiction and welcome you back to Bowdoin. *Honoris causa*, Doctor of Letters.