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**P. D. James** (1920-2014)

(English best-selling crime fiction writer, 18 novels to 2009, b. Oxford, st. Cambridge High School; married to Connor Bantry White [1920-1964], widow for more than 45 years; administrator at National Health Service 1949-68; then a Principal at the police services of the Home Office; Began Dalgliesh novel series 1963; Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature; Fellow of the Royal Society of arts; Governor of the BBC 1988-93; board member of British Council 1988-93 (Literature Advisory Committee, British Council); also Chairman of the Literary Advisory Poem of the Arts Council 1988-92; Magistrate in Middlesex and London; Life Peer: Baroness James of Holland Park, International Crime Writing Hall of Fame 2008; Grand Master Award, Diamond Dagger, Carvalho Award, 6 university degrees; 2 children, 5 grandchildren)

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