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### **About the Author**

George Perkins is editor of *The American Tradition in Literature* (Seventh Edition, 1990), the leading American literature survey text. George and Barbara Perkins are co-authors or co-editors of *Contemporary American Literature* (1988), *The Reader's Encyclopedia of American literature* (1991), and *Women's Work: American Literature by Women* (1994), and founders and editors of *The Journal of Narrative Technique*.

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