

Adrienne Clarkson

Governor General of Canada

Adrienne Clarkson was born in Hong Kong in 1939. She came with her family to Canada in 1942 and received her early education in Ottawa. After obtaining a master's degree in English literature from the University of Toronto, she studied at the Sorbonne.

From 1965 to 1982, Mrs. Clarkson was host, writer, and producer of several programs on CBC television, including *Take Thirty*, *Adrienne at Large*, and the *Fifth Estate*. From 1982 to 1987, Mrs. Clarkson was the agent-general in Paris for the Ontario government.

After a year as president of a book publishing firm, Mrs. Clarkson returned to television as a writer and host for 11 years.

A journalist and author, Mrs. Clarkson has also written and directed films. Active in the arts, Mrs. Clarkson has been the honorary patron of several artistic and charitable organizations and is the former chair of the Board of Trustees for the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Mrs. Clarkson was named Governor General of Canada on Oct. 7, 1999.

Mrs. Clarkson is married to essayist and novelist John Ralston Saul.