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Cynthia Barnett is an award-winning environmental journalist who has reported on water and climate change around the world. Her latest book is *Rain: A Natural and Cultural History*, longlisted for the National Book Award and a finalist for the 2016 PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

Ms. Barnett is also the author of *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, which articulates a water ethic for America. Ms. Barnett has written for *National Geographic* magazine, the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, the *Atlantic*, *Discover* magazine, *Salon*, *Politico*, *Orion*, *Ensis* and many other publications. Her numerous journalism awards include a national Sigma Delta Chi prize for investigative magazine reporting and eight Green Eyeshades, which recognize outstanding journalism in 11 southeastern states.

She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and master's in American history with a specialization in environmental history, and was a [Knight-Wallace Fellow](#) at the University of Michigan, where she spent a year studying freshwater.

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