



## ALEXANDRA “LEXA” MARSHALL

When novelist Lexa Marshall moved to Boston 35 years ago, after traveling from her hometown in New York to Ghana to New Haven, she intended it to be temporary. But it was here that she met her husband, fellow writer James Carroll. Together they started their family and writing careers in Beacon Hill. Marshall is the author of five novels and one book of nonfiction, and she has taught writing at several universities in the city.

**Age:** 68. **I'm most proud of:** My kids and my books. **Boston inspiration:** The Public Garden, Esplanade, and the Harborwalk. **My beauty philosophy:** Beauty is as beauty does. **Secret of my success:** Let it be. **Cause closest to my heart:** The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum in the Boston Public Schools. **Would want my eulogy to be:** Reading from my books, by my writer friends. **Favorite feature:** My eyes. **This decade:** I hope to achieve more of the same, especially to stay healthy. **Won't be seen without:** Cashmere. **New discovery:** Fort Point Channel as the Innovation District. **I stay in shape by:** Practicing Gyrotonics. **Advice to my 16-year-old self:** Resist authority—a slogan that never goes out of style.

**BEAUTE:** Shaping Facial Lift Serum, **Clarins** (\$70), *Macy's*, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3000; *macys.com*. Traceless Foundation SPF 15 in Pale Dune, **Tom Ford** (\$78), *Saks Fifth Avenue*, *The Shops at Prudential Center*, 617-262-8500; *saks.com*. Body Soufflé, **Moroccanoil** (\$52), *The Spa at Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf*, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3914; *bhh.com*. Grooming Crème, **Bumble and Bumble** (\$27), *Mitchell John*, 67 Broad St., 617-951-0122; *mjsalon.com*.

**BEAUTIFUL BIJOUX:** Cabochon emerald drop earrings (\$24,900) and platinum, emerald, and diamond necklace (\$165,000), **Shreve, Crump & Low**, 39 Newbury St., 617-267-9100; *shrevecrumpandlow.com*