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As Literary Editor Wagner has interviewed writers ranging from Seamus Heaney to Philip Pullman, Paul Auster to Bill Bryson, as well as editing the Books section of The Times and regularly writing reviews for The New York Times. However, her extensive knowledge of the literary world is also drawn from her own experience as a reader. Her short stories have been widely anthologised and her published collection, Gravity: Stories, was broadcast on Radio 4. Taking as its focus the fragile architecture of human relationships, Wagner builds on this theme in her first novel, Seizure, which was listed in Eye Magazine as April's "must-read".

Following the publication of Ted Hughes' Birthday Letters, Wagner wrote a biographical gloss on his work, Ariel's Gift: Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath and the Story of Birthday Letters.

Wagner has also judged many literary prizes including the Man Booker in 2002, the Orange Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Forward Prize.