

The British writer [Jeanette Winterson](#) recently gave the Belle van Zuylen lecture in Utrecht (NL) on December 13, 2007 entitled The Cup, the Knife, the Compass, the Remedy. She was the third one, after Nelleke Noordervliet en Hans Magnus Enzensberger. You can download the MS-Word file of the lecture [here](#). There is also a Dutch translation available. On January 5, 2008 the Dutch liberal newspaper NRC-Handelsblad published a shortened version of the lecture. I have written a response and posted [here, on my pages](#). I can't figure out precisely why this text, and author, intrigues me. Perhaps an astrologist can help out: we were born in the same week.