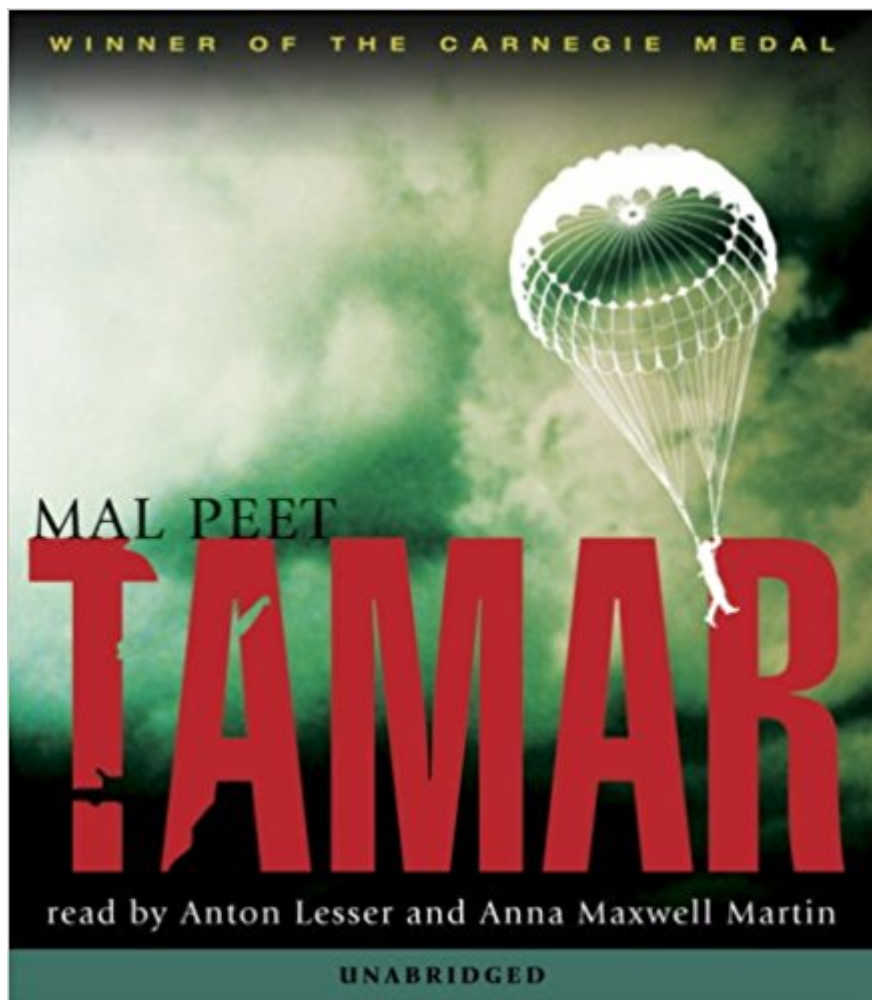




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Mal Peet (1947–2015) is the acclaimed author of the Carnegie Medal–winning novel *Tamar* as well as the *Boston Globe*–Horn Book Honor Book *Life: An Exploded Diagram* and three Paul Faustino novels: *Keeper*, *The Penalty*, and *Exposure*, a winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. He is also the co-author of *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, *Mysterious Traveler*, and *Night Sky Dragons*, all of which he wrote with his wife, Elspeth Graham.

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