

## **Beena Kamlani**

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A long-time editor at Viking Penguin, now part of Penguin Random House, Beena Kamlani has edited a wide range of authors. She was Saul Bellow's editor for nearly two decades until his death in 2005. She also worked with Robert Fagles for over twenty years on his translations of Homer's *Odyssey* and *Iliad*, and Virgil's *Aeneid*. She has taught book editing at New York University for many years, and was presented the university's award for teaching excellence in 2002. She now teaches a course on self-editing for writers at Hunter College, CUNY, New York.

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