1991 Phoenix Award Winner

**A Long Way from Verona**
by Jane Gardam

Independent, outspoken English Jessica Vye, 12, tells of the year early in World War II when she must adjust to two new schools, experiences first love, narrowly escapes death in a bombing, and wins a poetry contest. Jessica’s first person narrative is frank, witty, occasionally poignant, and often very funny. Sharp characterizations, shrewd psychological touches, and an honest respect for the reader’s ability to intuit make this book outstanding among girl’s growing up novels.

1991 Phoenix Honor Books

**A Game of Dark**
by William Mayne
(H. Hamilton, 1971; Dutton, 1971)

**The Tombs of Atuan**
by Ursula LeGuin
(Atheneum, 19719)