

Iowa School of Letters
announces the 1985 \$1,000

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Sponsors

The award was established in 1969 to encourage writing in a typically American literary genre. Each year, over 300 manuscripts are entered in the Short Fiction Award competition. Preliminary professional readings are organized by the Writers' Workshop, and the final judgment is made by a prominent writer or critic. Previous winners and judges are:

Past Winners

1970 Cyrus Colter Judges: Vance Bourjaily/Kurt Vonnegut
The Beach Umbrella
225 pages. Cloth, \$6.95

1971 Philip F. O'Connor Judge: George P. Elliott
Old Morals, Small Continents, Darker Times
198 pages. Cloth, \$6.95. Paper, \$3.95

1972 Jack Cady Judge: Joyce Carol Oates
The Burning & Other Stories
157 pages. Cloth, \$6.95. Paper, \$3.95

1973 H. E. Francis Judge: John Hawkes
The Itinerary of Beggars
278 pages. Cloth, \$7.95. Paper, \$4.95

1974 Natalie L. M. Petesch Judge: William H. Gass
After the First Death, There Is No Other
208 pages. Cloth, \$7.95. Paper, \$4.95

1975 Barry Targan Judge: George Garrett
Harry Belten and the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto
288 pages. Cloth, \$8.95. Paper, \$5.95

1976 C. E. Poverman Judge: Donald Barthelme
The Black Velvet Girl
272 pages. Cloth, \$8.95. Paper, \$5.95

1977 Pat M. Carr Judge: Leonard Michaels
The Women in the Mirror
152 pages. Cloth, \$8.95. Paper, \$4.95

1978 Lon Otto Judge: Stanley Elkin
A Nest of Hooks
152 pages. Cloth, \$8.95. Paper, \$4.95

1979 Mary Hedin Judge: John Gardner
Fly Away Home
257 pages. Cloth, \$9.95. Paper, \$5.95

1980 James Fetler Judge: Francine du Plessix Gray
Impossible Appetites
176 pages. Cloth, \$9.95. Paper, \$5.95

1981 Annabel Thomas Judge: Doris Grumbach
The Phototropic Woman
168 pages. Cloth, \$12.50. Paper, \$7.95

1982 Dianne Benedict Judge: Raymond Carver
Shiny Objects
146 pages. Cloth, \$12.95. Paper, \$8.95

1983 Ivy Goodman Judge: Alice Adams
Heart Failure
176 pages. Cloth, \$12.95. Paper, \$8.95

1984 Susan Dodd Judge: Frederick Busch
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Award for Short Fiction
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Eligibility

Any writer who has not previously published a volume of prose fiction is eligible to enter the competition. Revised manuscripts which have been previously entered may be resubmitted. Writers who have published a volume of poetry are eligible also.

Prize

The winning author will receive a \$1,000 cash award provided by the Iowa Arts Council. The manuscript will be published by University of Iowa Press.

Manuscript

The manuscript must be a collection of short stories of at least 150 typewritten pages. Stories previously published in periodicals are eligible for inclusion. Xeroxed copies are acceptable. Stamped, self-addressed return packaging must accompany the manuscript. Please do not send cash, checks, or money orders. Reasonable care is taken, but we are not responsible for loss of manuscripts in the mails or for the return of those not accompanied by a stamped envelope. We assume the author retains a copy of the manuscript.

Submission

Manuscripts should be mailed to:

**Iowa School of Letters Award for Short Fiction
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English-Philosophy Building
The University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa 52242**

No application forms are necessary. Entries for the 1985 competition should be submitted between August 1, 1984, and September 30, 1984. Announcement of the winner will be made early in 1985.

Potential entrants wishing to review the books by previous winners may order them from University of Iowa Press, Order Department, Oakdale Campus, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

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