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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE HEMINGWAY FOUNDATION / PEN AWARD

Awarded for a first book of fiction by an American writer

PEN New England is now accepting submissions for the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for books published in 2009. The award of \$8,000 is presented for a novel or book of short stories by an American author who has not previously published a book of fiction. The prize was won last year by Michael Dahlie for *A Gentleman's Guide to Graceful Living*. Two finalists and two honorable mentions will also be named.

The winner also receives a one-week residency in The Distinguished Visiting Writers Series at the University of Idaho's MFA Program in Creative Writing. In addition, the winner and competition finalists and honorable mentions receive Ucross Residency Fellowships at the Ucross Foundation in Wyoming, a retreat for artists and writers.

The late Mary Hemingway, a member of PEN, founded the award in 1976 both to honor the memory of her husband, Ernest Hemingway, and to recognize distinguished first books of fiction. The award is funded by the Ernest Hemingway Foundation, which has been administered by the Hemingway Society since 1987, and PEN New England. A panel of three distinguished fiction writers selects the winner. PEN New England is one of three regional branches of PEN American Center, which is in turn part of International PEN, the only worldwide organization of writing professionals.

The award will be presented at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston on Sunday, March 28, 2010. The ceremony is co-sponsored by the library and *The Boston Globe*. Previous recipients of the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award include Marilynne Robinson, Bobbie Ann Mason, Josephine Humphreys, Mark Richard, Louis Begley, Edward P. Jones, Susan Power, Ha Jin, Charlotte Bacon, Jhumpa Lahiri, Akhil Sharma, Justin Cronin, Jennifer Haigh, Chris Abani, Yiyun Li, Ben Fountain, and Joshua Ferris.

Eligible titles, which must be the first published book length work of fiction (novel or book of short stories) by an American citizen or resident, published in the United States in 2009, may be submitted by publishers, agents, or the authors themselves. Authors are not disqualified by the previous publication of nonfiction, poetry, drama, or books for children. **No self-published books, electronic submissions, or e-books are eligible for consideration.**

DEADLINE:

December 28, 2009 POSTMARK (Early submissions are encouraged. Galleys are acceptable.)

To Submit Books for the Award: mail four (4) copies, a \$40 entry fee* for each title, and the enclosed application form on the next page to:

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*Exceptions will be made for small press submissions: if your press's annual net sales do not exceed \$4 million, we will waive the submission fee.

**The Hemingway Foundation / PEN Award
SUBMISSION FORM FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2009**

Please follow guidelines for the Hemingway Foundation /PEN Award:

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Please mail 4 copies of submitted books and fees as directed for the award.

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Author	Title	Publication Date	Fee Enclosed

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