

2017 Housatonic Book Awards Entry Form

The 2017 Housatonic Book Awards will be granted to full-length books published in the 2016 calendar year; the Award for Fiction will be open to titles published in 2015 and 2016.

Housatonic Award for Fiction (Genre Fiction for 2017)

Granted to a book of short or long fiction published in 2015 or 2016. The award alternates annually between literary fiction and genre fiction; the 2017 Award will go to a title categorized as genre fiction: mystery, fantasy, science fiction, thriller, etc. (as opposed to “literary” fiction). The Award carries a \$1000 honorarium in exchange for appearing at the January residency of the MFA in Creative and Professional Writing at Western Connecticut State University (the first week of January) to give a public reading and a one-day, three-hour workshop with MFA students. The Award also includes a \$500 travel stipend and hotel stay during the residency. To enter, either:

- a) send two copies of the book along with entry form and a check for \$25 to the address that appears on the entry form
- b) email a .pdf of the book to clements@wcsu.edu and mail the entry form and a check for \$25 to the address that appears on the form
- c) enter electronically at the Book Awards web site.

Deadline is June 16, 2017.

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Housatonic Award for Poetry

Granted to a book of poetry (at least 40 pages) published in 2016. The Award carries a \$1000 honorarium in exchange for appearing at the January residency of the MFA in Creative and Professional Writing at Western Connecticut State University (the first week of January) to give a public reading and a one-day, three-hour workshop with MFA students. The Award also includes a \$500 travel stipend and hotel stay during the residency. To enter, either:

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Housatonic Award for Nonfiction (Includes Creative Nonfiction)

Granted to a nonfiction book (including all subgenres—memoir, creative nonfiction, investigative and other varieties of journalism, travel, political, science, business communications, public relations, self help, etc.). The Award carries a \$1000 honorarium in exchange for appearing at the August residency of the MFA in Creative and Professional Writing at Western Connecticut State University (the first week of August) to give a public reading and a one-day, three-hour workshop with MFA students. The Award also includes a \$500 travel stipend and hotel stay during the residency. To enter, either:

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Housatonic Award for Writing for Middle Grades or Young Adults

Granted to a book of fiction or nonfiction for middle grade children or young adults. The Award carries a \$1000 honorarium in exchange for appearing at the August residency of the MFA in Creative and Professional Writing at Western Connecticut State University (the first week of August) to give a public reading and a one-day, three-hour workshop with MFA students. The Award also includes a \$500 travel stipend and hotel stay during the residency. To enter, either:

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Payment of Award

The \$500 travel stipend will be paid before the end of 2017. The \$1000 honorarium will be paid upon completion of the winner's appearance at the designated residency of the WCSU MFA program.

Applications are below. The Electronic Submission Portal will be open soon.

**2017 Housatonic Awards for Writing (WCSU)
Entry Form**

Genre:

Poetry
 Fiction

Nonfiction
 Writing for Middle Grades or Young Adults

Title:

Author's Name, Address, Email Address, and Phone: _____

Publisher's Name, Address, Email Address, and Phone: _____

Nominator Name, Email Address, and Phone if not the Author or Publisher:

Publication Date: _____ (only books published in 2015 and 2016 for fiction and 2016 for other categories)

Submission Checklist:

1. Entry Form (mailed to address below)
2. 2 copies of book mailed to address below or electronic copy (.pdf) emailed to address below
3. Entry Fee (\$25 check made to WCSU Foundation with "MFA Writing" in the Memo line)

You may also enter digitally at the Awards web site, housatonicbookawards.wordpress.com

Submit Hardcopy Materials to:

Housatonic Book Awards
WCSU Writing Dept.
181 White St.
Danbury, CT 06810

Email electronic materials to clements@wcsu.edu with the subject line "Book Awards"

By nominating this title and submitting the entry fee, I hereby acknowledge that, should the author be selected as the award recipient, the author will attend the WCSU MFA residency indicated (either January 2015 or in the award description).

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Signator is

Author
 Author's publisher or
legal representative

Deadline: June 16 postmark or electronic date stamp