

The Bear Deluxe Magazine announces:

2009
Doug Fir Fiction Award
Every Story Begins Somewhere

Judge: Jon Raymond

Winner: \$1,000 and publication in The Bear Deluxe Magazine

Finalists (2): Honorable mention in The Bear Deluxe Magazine

Submission Guidelines

We welcome submissions of previously unpublished short stories up to 5,000 words, relating to the natural world, sense of place, or environmental issues. If you are not familiar with The Bear Deluxe Magazine, a sample copy of Issue #29 (in which the 2008 winner and one finalist appear) is available through mail for \$5 at the address below. Issue #26 (featuring the 2007 winner and two finalists) is available for \$5 as well. When requesting sample copies, indicate your preferred issues.

Simultaneous submissions are not permitted. Multiple submissions are allowed but must be mailed separately with separate entry fees. Upon acceptance, Orlo and The Bear Deluxe Magazine assume one-time print publishing rights, and Web-publishing rights for the period of one year following print publication.

About the Judge

Jon Raymond is the author of *The Half-Life*, a novel, and *Livability*, a collection of stories, two of which were turned into movies, *Old Joy* and *Wendy and Lucy*. He is an editor of *Plazm* magazine and his writing has appeared in *Bookforum*, *Artforum*, *Tin House*, and the *Village Voice*, among other publications.

Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by **September 8, 2009**. Mail your entry to:

Doug Fir Fiction Award
Orlo/The Bear Deluxe Magazine
P.O. Box 10342
Portland, OR 97296, USA

Entry Requirements

- An entry fee of \$15. Make your check or money order in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to Orlo/The Bear Deluxe Magazine. All entrants receive a copy of the issue in which the winner appears. All entry fees are nonrefundable.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification of contest results.

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Manuscript Format Guidelines

Manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. The author's name must **NOT** appear anywhere on the manuscript. Please submit **TWO** title pages: one with the story title, author's name, address, telephone number and email address; and one with just the story title.

Terms

- Your submitted story must be an original work of which you are the sole author.
- Your story must be submitted in accordance with the eligibility requirements, format guidelines, entry requirements, deadline, and terms, or it will be disqualified.
- This competition is open to all writers in English, regardless of nationality.
- The Bear Deluxe Magazine reserves the right to edit the winning story for length and clarity upon consultation with the author.
- No entry fees or manuscripts will be returned.
- Participating writers will receive a postcard notification upon receipt of their submission.
- Email submissions are not accepted.
- Participating writers will be notified no later than January 15, 2010, of the award results.
- Writers currently involved with Orlo or The Bear Deluxe Magazine are not eligible for the award. To avoid a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, friends and current or former students of the judge are not eligible for the award.
- This competition is void where prohibited or restricted by law.
- The Bear Deluxe Magazine reserves the right to amend the number of finalists depending on the discretion of judges.
- No phone calls or emails please.
- The decision of the judge is final.

About The Bear Deluxe Magazine

The Bear Deluxe Magazine is published by Orlo, a nonprofit organization exploring environmental issues through the creative arts. The Bear Deluxe Magazine is one of the country's most acclaimed environmental publications and has been recognized by the Oregon Arts Commission, Literary Arts, Oregon Cultural Trust, Literary Arts, Oregon Council for the Humanities, Regional Arts & Culture Council, Bumbershoot Arts Festival, *Print*, *Orion*, *Adbusters*, *Outside*, *Library Journal*, *The Oregonian*, *Willamette Week* and *Portland Monthly* for editorial and design excellence. The Bear Deluxe Magazine enjoys a readership of 44,000 readers per issue through distribution at over 500 outlets across the United States and Canada.