

The Bear Deluxe Magazine Presents

2010

DOUG FIR FICTION AWARD

Every Story Begins Somewhere

Judge: Jim Lynch

The Highest Tide and Border Songs

Winner: \$1,000 and publication in The Bear Deluxe Magazine
Finalists (2-3): Honorable mention and publication consideration

Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by **September 8, 2010**. Mail your entry to:
Doug Fir Fiction Award
Orlo/The Bear Deluxe Magazine
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Portland, OR 97214 USA

About the Judge

Jim Lynch is the author of the acclaimed and award-winning novels, *The Highest Tide* and *Border Songs* (Alfred A. Knopf). He has worked as a journalist in Alaska, Washington, D.C. and across the Pacific Northwest, winning a number of national reporting honors. *Border Songs* was picked as among the Best Books of 2009 by *The Washington Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *The St. Louis Post Dispatch*, *The Oregonian* and Amazon.com.

Previous Judges: Jon Raymond, Katherine Dunn, Gina Ochsner

Submission Guidelines

The Bear Deluxe Magazine welcomes submissions of previously unpublished short stories up to 5,000 words, relating to a sense of place or the natural world, interpreted as broadly or narrowly as you wish. If you are not familiar with The Bear Deluxe Magazine, a sample copy of issue #30 (featuring a 2008 award finalist) or issue #29 (featuring the 2008 winner and one finalist) or issue #26 (featuring the 2007 winner and two finalists) are available through mail for \$5 per copy at the address below. 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 first- and one-time print publishing rights, and Web-publishing rights for the period of one year following print publication.

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. Visit www.orlo.org for updates on possible email submissions and online payments.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification of contest results if email address is not included on your title page with contact information.

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, word count, 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. Submitted stories must be unpublished in both print and Web formats.
- 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 an email notification upon receipt of their submission. If access to email is not possible, include an additional SASE for notification.
- Participating writers will be notified no later than January 15, 2011, 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.

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