July 1, 2015

Dear Awards Coordinator,

The Directors of the PEN/Faulkner Foundation invite you to submit works of fiction published in 2015 for consideration for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

The PEN/Faulkner Award, which is peer-juried and one of the nation’s foremost awards for literary fiction, honors excellence by selecting five writers whose work represents the best of American fiction published within the calendar year. The winner receives $15,000, and the other four finalists receive $5,000 each. Any book of fiction—short story collection, novella or novel—written by an author who is a living American citizen, and published between January 1 and December 31, 2015, is eligible to be considered for the award.

There are no forms or fees connected with this prize. Publishers and writers themselves may submit works of literary fiction for consideration, but the PEN/Faulkner Foundation does not accept self-published books. In other words, all submitted books must be published by a recognized commercial publisher. Simply send four copies of each book to our office by Saturday, October 31, 2015 for forwarding to the present judges, Abby Frucht, Molly McCloskey, and Sergio Troncoso. You are welcome to send as many shipments as you like, in accordance with your publication schedules, and we encourage you to send the early releases now. Bound proofs are eligible for submission for books which will be published in November or December 2015.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, call the PEN/Faulkner offices at (202) 898-9063 or email awards@penfaulkner.org

Please mail submissions to:

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Best regards,

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