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Literary Fellowship Awards

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Thirteenth Year

Announcement and Application Blank for 1947

PREVIOUS AWARDS

- To Eugene L. Burdick for an untitled novel*
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a volume of poetry
- To Beatrice Griffith for a study of Mexican Americans*
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- To A. Fleming MacLiesh for CONE OF SILENCE
- To Helen Todd for A MAN NAMED GRANT
- To Mary King O'Donnell for QUINCIE BOLLIVER
- To Maurine Whipple for THE GIANT JOSHUA
- To David Cornel DeJong for OLD HAVEN
- To Dorothy Baker for YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN
- To Clelie Benton Huggins for POINT NOIR
- To Robert Penn Warren for NIGHT RIDER
- To Jenny Ballou for SPANISH PRELUDE
- To E. P. O'Donnell for GREEN MARGINS

EYRE & SPOTTISWOODE AWARD

To Nigel Dennis for an untitled novel*

DUAL AWARD

To Anthony West for THE VINTAGE*

**In preparation*



For more than a decade Houghton Mifflin Company have offered two annual Literary Fellowships, one in fiction and one in non-fiction, to promising writers who need financial assistance to complete book projects. In 1946, Eyre and Spottiswoode, one of the oldest and most distinguished British publishing houses, joined them in offering an award for publication in England and the British Empire. This year the same arrangement has been made. All American entries are eligible for the Eyre and Spottiswoode Fellowship and any project may win both British and American Awards.

The Houghton Mifflin Fellowships of \$2400 each are payable in monthly installments of \$200 — one half of the total to be considered an advance against royalties. The royalty rate will be 10% of the retail price on the first 2500 copies, 12½% on the next 2500 copies, and 15% thereafter.

The Eyre and Spottiswoode Award to an American writer will be £500, on the same royalty terms as those above. (Houghton Mifflin Company is offering a similar award to a British writer.)

Applications will be received up to January 1, 1948. Awards will be made as soon as possible after the closing date.

Contestants should submit, along with the attached application blank, the following: (Unpublished material should be submitted in duplicate if possible.)

Detailed synopsis or description of the project for which an award is asked

Samples of proposed treatment (or as many chapters as applicant may have completed)

Examples of past work, either published or unpublished

Photograph of applicant (if available)

Application Blank

**The Houghton Mifflin
Eyre & Spottiswoode
Literary Fellowship Awards**

Please enter my application for a Houghton Mifflin Literary Fellowship. (Applications must be filed with Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass., before January 1, 1948.)

I agree, if I receive an award, that in consideration of the payment to me of \$2400 (\$1200 outright, \$1200 advance against royalties) Houghton Mifflin Company are to have the right to publish any book written in whole or in part by me under this Fellowship on royalty terms as follows: 10% of the retail price to 2500 copies of the book, 12½% from 2500 to 5000, and 15% on all subsequent sales. I further agree, in consideration of the above payments, that all rights in the work are to be assigned to Houghton Mifflin Company, but with the understanding that I shall receive 85% of the net proceeds of the sale, if any, of first serial, British, dramatic, motion picture, radio or television rights; and 50% of the net proceeds of the sale of second serial rights, translations, selections or abridgments, or of the sale of the work to a book club or similar organization. I further agree that Eyre and Spottiswoode shall have first offer of publication rights in England and the British Empire, exclusive of Canada.

In the event that the applicant has an agreement with a literary agent for handling the work in question, Houghton Mifflin Company will waive their interest in the first serial, British, translation, dramatic, motion picture, radio and television rights, but will expect to receive 5% of the net proceeds of the sale of such rights.

I further agree that Houghton Mifflin Company shall have an option on the next two books that I write on terms which are mutually satisfactory.

It is understood that in case none of the projects submitted seems to Houghton Mifflin Company of sufficient promise, there will not be any award; and it is further understood that their interpretation of the rules of the award shall be considered final.

Name

Address

Age College

Present Occupation

I have published the following material either in book form or in magazines. (Examples of this material should be submitted with this application.)

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Below is a statement of the general nature of my project; and I append a complete typewritten description, together with samples of the proposed treatment.

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