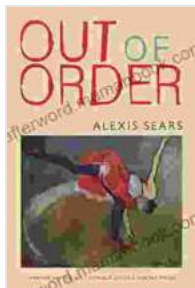


Exploring the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize: An Ode to Extraordinary Verse

The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize is a prestigious literary award that celebrates the transformative power of poetry and honors the legacy of one of America's most celebrated poets, Donald Justice.



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Established in 2002, the prize is awarded annually to a poet whose work demonstrates exceptional artistry, originality, and emotional depth. The prize is open to poets of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels, making it a truly inclusive and merit-based award.

In this article, we will delve into the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize, exploring its history, mission, and impact on the literary world. We will also showcase some of the extraordinary poets who have been honored with this prestigious award.

The Legacy of Donald Justice

Donald Justice (1925-2004) was an American poet, essayist, and translator.

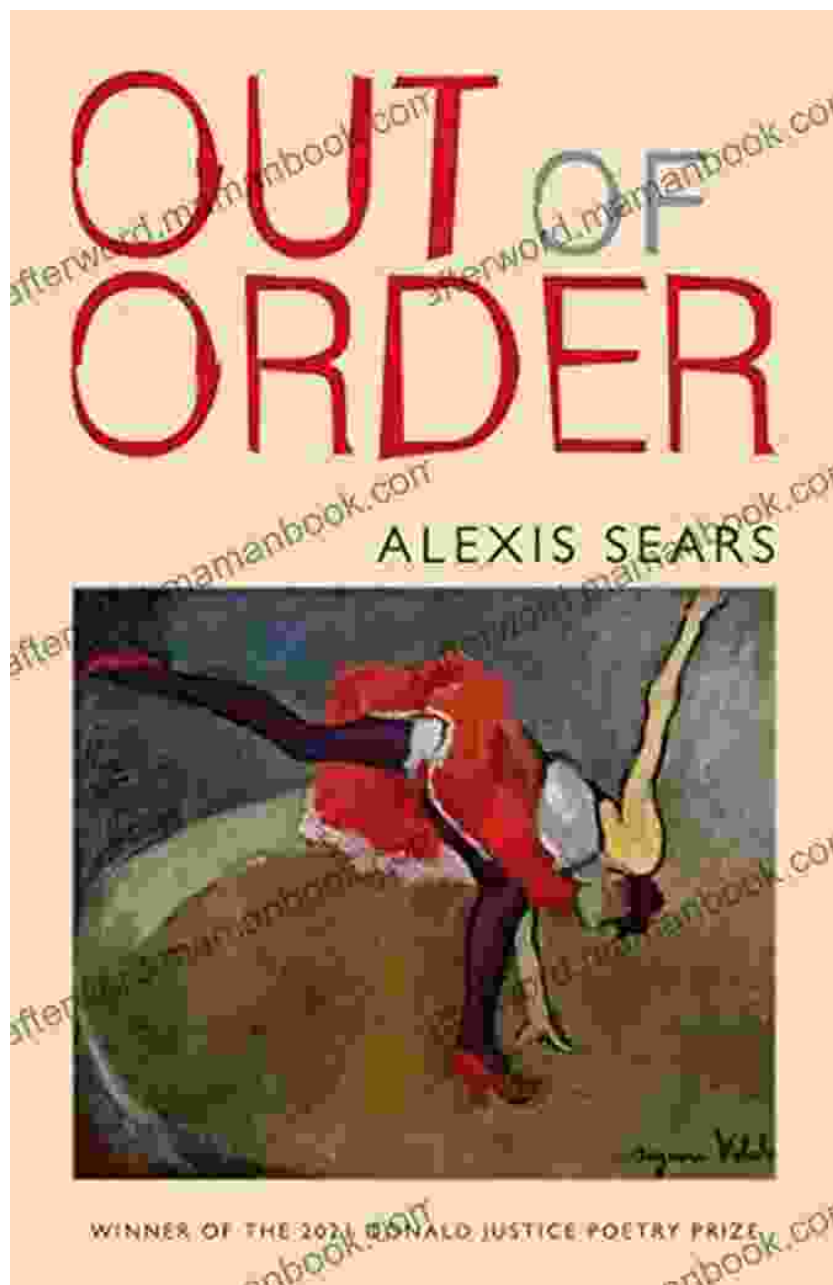


Justice was known for his precise and evocative language, his exploration of themes such as memory, loss, and the nature of time, and his mastery of form.

Justice was a highly decorated poet, receiving numerous awards and accolades, including the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1995.

The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize

The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize was established in 2002 by the Donald Justice Trust.



The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize logo.

The prize is awarded annually to a poet whose work is deemed to be of exceptional quality and significance.

The prize includes a cash award of \$1,000 and publication of the winning manuscript by the University of Arkansas Press.

The jury for the prize is composed of distinguished poets and critics, who carefully consider each submission and select the winner.

The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize has quickly become one of the most prestigious poetry awards in the United States.

Past Winners of the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize

Since its inception, the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize has been awarded to a diverse and talented group of poets, including:

- 2002: Rae Armantrout
- 2003: Claudia Rankine
- 2004: Terrance Hayes
- 2005: Kevin Young
- 2006: C.D. Wright
- 2007: Philip Levine
- 2008: W.S. Merwin
- 2009: Sharon Olds
- 2010: Mark Doty
- 2011: Tracy K. Smith

- 2012: Louise Glück
- 2013: Robert Hass
- 2014: Billy Collins
- 2015: Robert Pinsky
- 2016: A.E. Stallings
- 2017: D.A. Powell
- 2018: Natalie Diaz
- 2019: Jericho Brown
- 2020: Tyehimba Jess
- 2021: Ada Limón

These poets represent a wide range of styles, perspectives, and experiences, demonstrating the diversity and vitality of contemporary American poetry.

The Impact of the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize

The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize has had a profound impact on the literary world.

The prize has helped to raise the profile of poetry and has provided a platform for emerging and established poets to share their work with a wider audience.

The prize has also helped to foster a sense of community among poets, creating opportunities for dialogue, collaboration, and mentorship.

In addition to its literary impact, the Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize has also had a significant financial impact on the winning poets.

The cash award has allowed poets to take time off from other commitments to focus on their writing, has helped to cover the costs of travel and research, and has provided financial stability during difficult times.

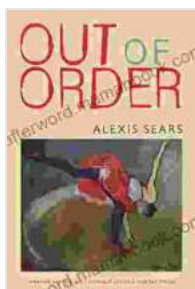
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The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize is a testament to the vitality of contemporary American poetry and the enduring power of the written word.

Additional Resources

- [The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize Website](#)
- [The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize at the Poetry Foundation](#)
- [The Out of Order Donald Justice Poetry Prize at The Atlantic](#)



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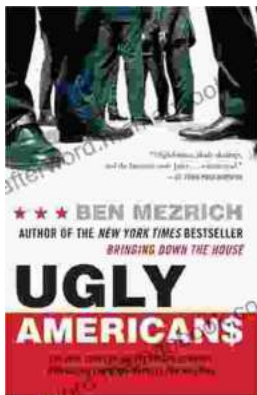
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