



OUTRIDERS POETRY PROJECT

ANNUAL COMPETITION

Outriders has sponsored a competition for new books of verse since 2011. As of 2013, short novels or collections of short stories are also eligible. The annual winning book or books are printed in paperback in print runs of no less than 250 copies. The author receives ten complimentary copies and royalties of 10% on net sales.

Previous competition winners are:

- 2011—Jeremiah Rush Bowen, *Consolations* (published March 2012).
- 2012—Jerry McGuire, *Venus Transit* (published March 2013)
- 2013—Jacob Schepers, *A Bundle of Careful Compromises* and Linda Stern Zisquit, *Return from Elsewhere* (to be published April 2014)

2014 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Qualifying Entrants:** Publications in the Outriders Poetry Project are limited to writers living in, or significantly associated with, the greater Buffalo NY area, including students and faculty (both former and current) in local colleges, as well as permanent residents of the US Niagara-Frontier Region (Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming and Orleans Counties) or of Canada's Regional Municipality of Niagara. Former readers in the Outriders Poetry Series automatically qualify. If you do not fit into any of these categories, you must demonstrate some other significant connection with the region on your "Entry Form".
- **Type of work:** The annual competition is limited to collections of original poetry and fiction (short stories or short novels). No translations, autobiography, drama or essays, please. Works submitted must be unpublished in book form (including chapbooks and anthologies). However, Outriders is not equipped to handle very long books (our usual limit is 150 pages) nor works that require non-standard presentation (special paper, experimental printing styles, illustrations, pop-ups, electronic media etc.)

- **Number of Submissions:** Submit only one manuscript. Multiple submissions will be disqualified. Please keep a copy, as manuscripts cannot be returned.
- **Length and format:** No more than fifty pages (maximum forty lines per page). If your book is longer, excerpt either your strongest work (poetry) or the opening 50 pages (fiction). Upon acceptance, it will be possible to add material. Number your pages and provide a table of contents. Please submit the MS one-sided in a standard 10-12 pt. black typeface on plain white 8"x11" paper. Do not use staples or binders. A hard copy must be mailed directly to Outriders; simultaneous submission via email in digital form (MSWord preferred) is appreciated but not required.
- **Previously published work:** Entries previously published in book form (including anthologies) are ineligible. However, submissions may include individual poems or stories printed in journals or in chapbooks of 35 pages or less, provided the author owns the copyright. Citations to published work should be listed on the back of the "Entry Form", but not in the text of the submitted manuscript.
- **Anonymity:** To ensure blind judging, the submitted text should not contain the author's name; this should instead be supplied, with the title of the manuscript, on the "Entry Form."
- **Fee:** A non-refundable processing fee of \$10 must accompany each submission. (Make check or money order payable to 'Outriders Poetry Project'.)
- **Submission Period:** Mail your manuscript, entry form and fee between January 1 and April 15, 2014 (postmark date) to:

Outriders Poetry Project
 314 Highland Avenue
 Buffalo, New York 14222
 Email: outriderspoetry@me.com

[Additional copies of this form are available from the above address.]



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[please print]

Title of Manuscript:

Author's Name:

Pseudonym [if any]:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

If you are not a resident, teacher or student in the greater Buffalo area as defined in the "Submission Guidelines", briefly explain your connection with the region in the space below:

On the back of this sheet, list all works in your submission that have been previously published, with names and dates of publication. Check here if this applies.

I have read the "Submission Guidelines" and accept their terms. I certify that I am sole author of the enclosed manuscript.

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