

PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction

The PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction is a national prize that honors the best published works of fiction by American permanent residents in a calendar year. The PEN/Faulkner Foundation celebrates literature and fosters connections between readers and writers to enrich and inspire both individuals and communities.

2020

Winner: *Sea Monsters* by Chloe Aridjis

Finalists:

Where Reasons End by Yiyun Li

The Night Swimmers by Peter Rock

We Cast a Shadow by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

2019

Winner: *Call Me Zebra* by Azareen Van der Vliet Oloomi

Finalists:

Tomb of the Unknown Racist by Blanche McCrary Boyd

The Overstory by Richard Powers

Love War Stories by Ivelisse Rodriguez

Don't Skip Out on Me by Willy Vlautin

2018

Winner: *Improvement* by Joan Silber

Finalists:

In the Distance by Hernan Diaz

The Dark Dark by Samantha Hunt

The Tower of the Antilles by Achy Obejas

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

2017

Winner: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

Finalists:

After Disasters by Viet Dinh

LaRose by Louise Erdrich

What Belongs to You by Garth Greenwell

Your Heart Is a Muscle the Size of a Fist by Sunil Yapa