

National Book Critics Circle Award, the Booker International Prize, the International Dublin IMPAC Award and the National Book Award. In 2022, The Center for Fiction awarded Noor Naga's *If an Egyptian Cannot Speak English* with The First Novel Prize. "At no other publisher would I have had the artistic and intellectual freedom that I experienced with Graywolf," **Percival Everett** has said. "Where else would a writer be able to write a parody of critical theory and then a send up of the American western, an experimental work followed by a naturalistic novel? Graywolf is the gold standard."

The Center recognizes Graywolf's remarkable editorial taste, and their acumen in uplifting authors willing to tell bold, innovative stories and to take stylistic risks. Their commitment to nurturing new authors has given readers many gifts, launching the careers of several of the most beloved names in contemporary literature. "Graywolf's discovery and nurturing of great writers has vastly enriched the world of books," said Nan Graham, Publisher and Senior Vice President of Scribner and Chair of the Medal for Editorial Excellence Committee. "We are thrilled to honor and celebrate this singular and inspiring leader in independent publishing."

Director and Publisher Carmen Giménez, Editorial Director Ethan Nosowsky, and Fiona McCrae—who played an important role in shaping the press as Director and Publisher from 1994 through her retirement in 2022—will accept the Medal on behalf of Graywolf Press at The Center for Fiction Annual Awards Benefit on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023. To inquire about attending the Benefit as press, please contact Celeste Kaufman at celeste@centerforfiction.org.

About The Center for Fiction

[The Center for Fiction](https://centerforfiction.org) is a literary nonprofit that brings diverse communities together to develop and share a passion for fiction. Founded in 1821 as the Mercantile Library of New York in Manhattan, the organization is now based in the heart of the Brooklyn cultural district, with a 18,000 sq. ft. facility that offers New Yorkers an immersive cultural experience centered on reading and writing. Throughout the year, The Center for Fiction provides a vast array of public programming, reading groups, and writing workshops. The First Novel Prize and Emerging Writer Fellowships help build literary careers, and KidsRead/KidsWrite programs inspire an early love of reading and writing in public school students with author-led events. In recent years, the organization's programming has expanded to include storytelling in all its forms, integrating music, theater, dance, film, television, and the visual arts into its exploration of the best of fiction throughout history and today.

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