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Each year the Texas Institute of Letters awards more than \$22, to recognize outstanding literary works in several categories. Eligibility for the awards requires that the author be born in Texas or have lived in Texas for at least five consecutive years at some time. A work with subject matter that substantially concerns Texas is also eligible.

It is an elemental and timely vision of resilience and personal survival, but it's most of all a sense of honest hope. You seem to have a strong interest in the American West. Where did that come from and how does it affect your writing? I am totally and unabashedly fascinated with the West both New and Old, and see myself much more as a Western writer than anything else. Most of my childhood was spent on the northwest side of San Antonio near Olmos Creek, and that landscape of cactus, juniper and oak trees, limestone hills and clear-flowing rivers and creeks enthralled me. A couple years ago I read *S.* But my obsession with Colorado really began when I was about nineteen years old, on my first trip there, en route to Montana: We slept on the floor of a group of archeologists involved in a dig near Cortez, Colorado, and I thought the mountains and the people were wild and beautiful. The West influences my writing greatly now, like an Appaloosa I like to ride. There are plenty of those in New York, but someone must celebrate the importance of the plains and the mountains far west of the East Coast. In you received the Dobie Paisano Jesse H. How was that experience for you personally and for your writing? Did you learn anything new about yourself or your writing process? My time at the Paisano Ranch was nothing short of bliss. That year had a wet spring, so Barton Creek flowed the whole time and my wife and I went for swims daily. Until the heat of summer set in, the air was cool, the fields were green and the wildflowers gorgeous. Although the ranch is only about seven miles from town, it was quiet and peaceful. At night, the most distinctive sound we heard were the lions roaring in a small zoo that was located near the entrance to the property, about a mile away. The bird life was amazing. In late April we started hearing a lovely trilling sound outside our bedroom window, and soon came to find a family of Eastern Screech Owls lived in the Elm Oak beside the patio. If you shone a flashlight over the fields, you could see just their glowing eyes as they hunted insects. We liked to say those were the souls of Comanches floating over the fields. I have a long list of Paisano birds sighted, which includes the remarkable sighting by my wife of a juvenile Whooping Crane traveling along the Colorado River flyway, no doubt, Ospreys, Painted Buntings, Black-Billed Cuckoos and a Golden-Cheeked Warbler, which is extremely rare. My Paisano Fellowship came at a good time, when I was burned-out from teaching and needed some time to write: What I learned most from that experience is to value the time free to write. My wife even hand-fed them now and then. They liked her cornbread the best. Although you were raised in Texas, you live and write in Colorado and teach writing at Penn State, correct? Can you tell us a little about your teaching style in the classroom? Great storytelling is a rigorous endeavor. We understand the world through the stories we tell, the tales we share with another. In explaining the evolutionary steps to the development of human consciousness, E. Wilson cites the role of the campfire and hearth as central to our development. We became human, after millennia of sitting around the campfire, telling stories. Two things kicked this novel into being: He does love to hear himself speak. Soon afterward her apartment was burgled, and the only thing stolen was the engagement ring. That was the catalyst that set everything else in motion: I always pictured it in the not-too-distant future, too, when the landscape is parched and dusty by drought. Can you tell us about how some of your personal passions find their way into your fiction? I certainly hope I never use a heavy hand in my approach, but I want my fiction to be engaged in the world, and not to be about only my life, say, or my petty likes and dislikes, but things that matter. The evidence for climate change is now overwhelming. I certainly believe that writers should speak out, should touch on what is close to their hearts, and what concerns the rest of the world. But I read much science-related nonfiction, and perhaps because of that, I can read the writing on the wall. One of the things fiction and all writing, actually does best is to give something to its readers. Or the scheming pawn shop owner Hiram Page, who likes to quote various philosophers and kings as he cheats people and bilks the needy and desperate. And much, much more. What are you working on now?

2: Award-Winning Author to Speak at Lone Star College-Montgomery

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Silver Spring, Maryland American author American writer Katherine Anne Porter, winner of a Pulitzer Prize in , was known for her delicate observations and precise descriptions. She was a descendant of Jonathan Boone, brother of the famous explorer Daniel Boone , and her father, a farmer, was a second cousin of the writer O. Henry Sidney Porter . After her mother died in , Porter and her siblings went to live with their grandmother. After her grandmother died in , Porter was sent to several convent an establishment of nuns schools in Texas and Louisiana. In Katherine Ann Porter. In she went to Chicago, Illinois, to pursue an acting career. She returned to Texas later that year and worked briefly as a singer. From early childhood Porter had been writing stories, an activity she described as the passion of her life. In she joined the staff of the Critic, a Fort Worth, Texas, weekly newspaper, and in and she worked for the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado, writing mostly book reviews and political articles. She then moved to New York City, where she continued to write. During the s she traveled often to Mexico, wrote articles about the country, and studied art. She also worked on a biography of minister and author Cotton Mather and wrote some book reviews. It won a Guggenheim fellowship an award with a cash prize intended to be used for study or research that allowed her to study abroad, and after a brief stay in Mexico she sailed in to Bremerhaven, Germany which provided the setting for her only novel, Ship of Fools. A second volume of stories, Hacienda , and a short novel, Noon Wine , followed her marriage in to Eugene Pressly, a member of the U. Foreign Service in Paris, France. The title story of The Leaning Tower and Other Stories , set in Berlin, Germany, deals with the menace of Nazism a German political movement that scorned democracy and attempted to wipe out other races of people, such as the Jews, who were considered inferior to the Germans. The Days Before is a collection of essays. Ship of Fools was a best seller but drew mixed reviews. Porter was for many years more popular everywhere else in the country but her home state of Texas, where stories of cowboys and the old west were more popular than anything else. Her unhappiness with the social injustice and lack of rights for women in the state was one of the factors that led her to leave, and she often addressed these issues in her writings. Still, Porter came to be considered the best author who ever hailed from Texas. Later years Porter chose the University of Maryland, from which she had received a honorary degree a degree achieved without meeting the usual requirements in , as the site of her personal library, begun with donations of some personal papers. In Texas, her childhood home in Kyle was turned into a museum. Apparently learned during two years living in Mexico, it was a tribute to her exciting life after her abandonment of her early, strict religious upbringing. However, her writing continued to live on. The Letters of Katherine Anne Porter were published after her death. For More Information Bloom, Harold, ed. Busby, Mark, and Dick Heaberlin, eds. From Texas to the World and Back: Essays on the Journeys of Katherine Anne Porter. Texas Christian University Press, University of Georgia Press, Comment about this article, ask questions, or add new information about this topic:

3: Geocentric - Pattiann Rogers - Google Books

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The Dallas Morning News: A reception will be held at the Meadows Museum immediately following the service. Or by making a gift online at smu. Marshall Northway Terry, Jr. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 1 p. He was the oldest of three children. After graduation, Marsh attended Amherst College for one year, transferred to Kenyon College for a year, and then ultimately found his way to SMU, marking the beginning of a life-long relationship with the University. He graduated from SMU with a B. Not only was SMU the source of his academic degrees and his career, but Marsh also met the love of his life on the steps of the Pi Beta Phi sorority house. The young couple moved to Dallas, where Marsh began his distinguished career at SMU as a teaching fellow at the young age of In , Marsh took a two-year interruption from his love affair with SMU to join the prestigious Dallas advertising firm owned by Sam Bloom, who took Marsh under his wing, introducing him to the powerful leaders and demonstrating the ways in which publicity and advertising could win public favor for important civic projects. It was here that he also learned one of his favorite sayings: Tate, to hire Marsh as director of public relations and instructor in English. So Marsh returned to the campus in for the rest of his career. His wish to teach English and his growing interest in creative writing and becoming a published author led him from the public relations office to the English Department. In he published his first novel, *Old Liberty*, a stunning success which gained attention in major newspapers. At Kenyon, he may have been inspired by a student he met and admired who became a famous literary success, E. Another student he admired at Kenyon was the future movie star Paul Newman, with whom he conversed at the campus laundromat. The success of *Old Liberty*, the fictitious college Marsh created as his model, immediately propelled him into the top ranks of Texas writers, a ranking which he would maintain throughout his life as novels and short stories followed in succession. They inevitably were more sedate than the rambunctious antics described in *Old Liberty*, concentrating on the inner conflicts of individuals trying to cope with the exigencies of family life and other problems in society. Meanwhile, at SMU, Terry rapidly rose through the academic ranks, from instructor to assistant professor, then associate, and ultimately a full professor holding the E. He served two terms as chairman of the English Department, several years as associate provost and was the founder and director of the creative writing program. He had started his PhD studies at Yale, but soon realized that he preferred concentrating on his career as a writer, using SMU as his academic base. For years, Marsh and Toni hosted the opening night reception at their home on Lovers Lane. Doctorow and Eudora Welty among others. Marsh followed *Old Liberty* with an even more personal novel, *Tom Northway*, in which he modeled its year-old main character after his own grandfather. In he added a fourth volume, *The Memorialist*, which included a novella and short stories. Literary and academic honors were frequent, including especially his selection to TIL. He became its president in and continued to serve in a leadership capacity, ultimately as a wise sage who was regularly relied upon for guidance. The second book, appearing in , was entitled *Loving U*: Turner often joked that Marsh was the only SMU faculty member who could remember the days of founding president Robert S. Hyer, who held the office from He and Toni often opened their home to students for teaching and fellowship, and many of his students became life-long friends. Marsh and Toni had a long and happy marriage in which they enjoyed the life of the university, travel and especially being with friends and family. He had a tender heart, quick wit, prized sense of humor and an infectious spirit that filled everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

4: Texas Institute of Letters

Winners Announced for Texas Institute of Letters Literary Prizes Paulette Jiles' bestselling novel, News of the World, received the major fiction award in Texas Institute of Letters' literary competition for works published in , claiming the \$6,

Born in Texas, American author Katherine Anne Porter is primarily remembered for her exquisite short stories. Although her published output was relatively small, she was highly esteemed for her distinctive, perceptive writing, and her singular exploration of human motivation, experience, and relations. From the description of Katherine Anne Porter correspondence, Pennsylvania State University Libraries. Perhaps best known for her short stories such as "Pale Horse, Pale Rider," and her novel, "Ship of Fools," Porter was a prolific writer. Porter spent much of her adult life on the East Coast, and traveling to Europe and Mexico, her best work was set in a Texan background. Porter died in , and was buried in her home town cemetery. From the description of Roger L. Brooks Katherine Anne Porter Papers, , bulk Texas State University-San Marcos. From the description of Katherine Anne Porter papers, Her works deal with dark themes such as betrayal, death, and the origin of human evil. In , at age 16, she married John Henry Koontz, who was physically abusive to her. She ran away and worked as an actress and a singer in both Chicago and Texas. In she lived in New York City, which had a politically radicalizing effect on her, and in , she went to work for a magazine publisher in Mexico, where she became acquainted with members of the Mexican leftist movement, including Diego Rivera. In she married Albert Russel Erskine, Jr. Between and , Porter taught at Stanford University, the University of Michigan, and the University of Texas, where her unconventional manner of teaching made her popular with students. From the description of Katherine Anne Porter collection, She was married four times but had no children. From the guide to the Katherine Anne Porter Photograph, undated, Special Collections Research Center, Syracuse University Libraries Born as Callie Russell Porter on May 15, in Indian Creek, TX; worked for the Fort Worth critic in and the following year joined the staff of the Rocky Mountain news; spent extended periods of residence in Mexico, ; went to Europe in ; after , she lectured and accepted various appointments as writer-in-residence at several universities; her published books include: From the description of Letters, University of California, Los Angeles. From the description of Letters to the editors of the "Kenyon Review" [manuscript], She was one of five children. Porter attended Kyle public schools. The family was very poor, but her grandmother proved to be a very strong and resourceful woman, making a deep impression on Ms. In , when Ms. Porter was eleven years old, her grandmother died. Not long afterwards, in , the family moved to San Antonio, where Ms. Porter attended the Thomas School. She studied acting at this time, and performed in several summer stock productions. Porter converted to that faith in The marriage did not last. Koontz and Texas in , heading north to Chicago to pursue her interests of writing and acting. The divorce from Mr. Koontz became final in , the same year in which she became very ill with tuberculosis. She returned to Texas, recovered from her illness, and in , worked for the Fort Worth Critic, covering theatrical and social events. Soon afterwards, in , Ms. Porter moved to Denver, Colorado, not to return to Texas for close to fifteen years. In Denver, she reviewed books and theatrical performances for the Rocky Mountain News. During this period she became nearly fatally ill with an influenza which was sweeping the nation. This experience with grave illness served as the background for her short novel, Pale Horse, Pale Rider. She traveled to Mexico for the first time in , during the time of the Obregon Revolution, and she made many more trips to Mexico during the s. Her first published short story, "Maria Concepcion", appeared in , and was soon followed by other short stories and essays, poetry and book reviews. In , she became very interested in the Sacco and Vanzetti case in Mexico, but she would not publish the story of this experience until , in "The Never-Ending Wrong". She was living in Mexico at this time, and met Eugene Pressly, whom she married in Paris in Around this time, she returned to Texas for a family visit. She also traveled to Paris and Germany during the turbulent s. The next year, she and Mr. Erskine were married in April, Dobie won the prize, leaving Ms. Porter feeling insulted and bitter. Porter was later awarded the Texas Institute of Letters fiction prize for her novel, Ship of Fools. In , Porter and Erskine separated, and Ms. In , she began taking work as a Hollywood scriptwriter, and in began teaching at various universities including Stanford, the University of Michigan,

Washington and Lee, and the University of Liege. Porter was very enthusiastic about these reported plans, and accepted an invitation to visit the University. She even considered moving to the area, but the agreement with UT fell apart. Ms Porter was once again disappointed in Texas. Porter, supported by Ford Foundation grant, moved to the Washington, D. She also received honorary doctorates from many universities, and was very much in demand for lectures and teaching positions. In , she received an honorary degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, and in that same year she made the decision to donate her personal papers and library to UMCP. The university named a room for Ms. Porter, which was opened on May 15, In the Spring of , Ms. Porter was again given an opportunity to return to Texas. The university also presented Ms. Porter with an honorary degree. Porter became close friends in the last years of her life, and during this visit, Dr. It was at this time that Ms. Porter decided to be buried next to her mother in her home town. Later that year, she suffered a series of strokes. The Fifty Best Books on Texas. A historical marker has been erected in Kyle, Texas, celebrating her career. Her childhood home there has recently been purchased by a preservation group, and the house will be restored for use as a museum and a residence for visiting writers at Southwest Texas State University. From the guide to the Roger L. Brooks Katherine Anne Porter Papers, , bulk: From the description of Papers. University of Maryland Libraries. Glenway Wescott, , novelist. Monroe Wheeler, , publisher and director of exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art. Married John Koontz divorced Changed name to Katherine Anne Porter Diagnosed with tuberculosis and spent two years in sanatoria during which she decided to become a writer Drama critic and gossip reporter, Fort Worth Critic

5: Joe Coomer (author) - Wikipedia

The fourteen stories here were chosen, from to , as the "best" Texas short stories for each of the given years (two of them tied for the award in). That is not to say they exhibit any provincial regionalism, nor that they all deal with Texas or Texans.

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9: Breakthrough Prize awards scientists \$22 million and star status

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