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SPECULATIVE LITERATURE FOUNDATION ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FOUNTAIN AWARD

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The Speculative Literature Foundation is accepting nominations for the second annual Fountain Award, with a prize of \$1000 given to a short story of exceptional literary quality. The Fountain Award will be judged by a select jury, and chosen from work nominated by magazine and anthology editors. Non-genre publications are encouraged to nominate material. Each publication may nominate up to three stories for inclusion, from work published in the previous calendar year (2004); nominations must be received by February 1st, 2005. The winner will be announced in mid-May of 2005.

The award is intended for short fiction; any story submitted should contain some form of speculative element. Possible genres include (but are not limited to): magical realism, slipstream, science fiction, fantasy, fable, modern folk and fairy tales, cyberpunk, ghost stories, alternate history, interstitial, etc. If an editor is not certain whether a particular piece will qualify, they should feel free to submit it in any case; the determination of whether it is appropriate will be decided by that year's jury.

For more information and guidelines, please see our website: <http://speculativeliterature.org/Awards/SLFFountainAward.php>

Please direct any questions to Karen Meisner, Award Administrator, at FountainAward@speculativeliterature.org.

For last year's winner and honorable mentions, please visit: <http://speculativeliterature.org/Awards/SLFFountainAward/2003.php>

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The Speculative Literature Foundation is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of readers, writers, editors and publishers in the speculative literature community.

"Speculative literature" is a catch-all term meant to inclusively span the breadth of fantastic literature, encompassing literature ranging from hard and soft science fiction to epic fantasy to ghost stories to folk and fairy tales to slipstream to magical realism to modern mythmaking -- any literature containing a fabulist or speculative element.

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