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## 2022 Older Writers' Grant Winner Announced

[CHICAGO, Illinois] – The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce Terence Kuch as the 2022 Older Writers' Grant winner. Kuch will be awarded \$1,000 for his winning piece, "Westers."

"The voice is pitch-perfect, Western matter-of-factness with that added speculative element that keeps us guessing, and the universal theme of "fountain of youth" is given an unusual flavor," says Holly Schofield, a writer and editor who served as a juror for the Older Writers' Grant this cycle.

The Speculative Literature Foundation started the Older Writers' Grant in 2004 to support and bolster writers over the age of fifty, who often lose out on opportunities explicitly aimed at younger writers.

Kuch's work has been published in several countries and publications, including but not limited to *The Ante Review*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post Magazine*. His work has been anthologized in books from Random House and other publishers, while Kuch himself appeared in interviews with *New York Times* and *USA Today*. Kuch's work is available for purchase on Amazon; he is also a credited contributor to the third edition of *Garner's Modern American Usage*. His poetry collection, *The Brittle Gods :: Ancient Themes Rethought*, was published in 2018 by Loyola University Apprentice House Press.

Kuch spent 52 years in the computer industry, finally retiring from the World Bank after assignments in Washington D.C. and three African countries where he worked with local staff on World Bank computer systems.

The Speculative Literature Foundation focuses on promoting speculative fiction in a literary sense with a focus on acknowledging historical inequities and empowering the subsequent marginalized writers. The next opportunity in this year's grant cycle is The Gulliver Travel Grant, which is meant to aid writers with non-academic research for lodging, airfare, or other travel expenses.

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