

# The Thurber Prize for American Humor

## Entry Rules and Guidelines

### How to enter:

1. For the 2010 Thurber Prize, Thurber House will accept books published from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009. Eligible books are those that are published in book form, whether as a hardcover or as an original paperback, in the United States. Fiction, nonfiction, and collections of short stories are eligible. Galleys or manuscripts also may be submitted for books that will be published in the time frame. Collaborations by writing teams are acceptable. Reprints of books published outside the one-year time frame are not eligible. Self-published books are eligible, provided the author/publisher is willing to meet the requirements as listed below.
2. The publishing house must send three copies of each book submitted, an application form for each title, and a nonrefundable \$65 entry fee for each title by Thursday, **April 1**, 2010 to:  
Thurber Prize/ Thurber House / 77 Jefferson Ave. / Columbus, Ohio 43215.
3. Books must be primarily written rather than pictorial. Incidental visual material is acceptable.
4. eBooks of fiction, nonfiction, collections of short stories, and collaborations by writing teams also are eligible. eBooks that were published simultaneously or previously in printed form are not eligible. If an eBook and its printed form are both published during the eligibility time frame, the printed book may be submitted using the general guidelines. Submissions of eBooks must include information on where the book is available, three disc/CD copies of each book submitted, and three printed and bound, 8 1/2 x 11 inch copies of each book submitted, including publication date information.
5. Authors must have proof of U.S. citizenship.
6. Thurber House and its panel of judges will make the final decision regarding all questions of eligibility.

### Conditions of the Thurber Prize:

Eligible books for The Thurber Prize for American Humor will not be considered unless the publisher/author **of the three finalists** agrees:

1. To send the finalist to the New York City event to read from the nominated book. If the book is a collaboration by a writing team, all authors must attend the event. If all members of the team cannot attend, they are disqualified and forfeit being a finalist (saving unforeseen circumstances). Publishers of the finalists must agree to pay for their author(s) transportation to and from New York and expenses while there.

2. Within one year of the announcement date, the winner must come to Thurber House for a special ticketed reading event in Columbus, Ohio. Thurber House will pay for the author's transportation to and from Columbus and for the author's hotel while in Columbus.

*Publisher and author agree that the decision of Thurber House and/or the judges chosen by Thurber House is final regarding all matters, including eligibility, timeliness of the submission, and compliance with the rules of the Thurber Prize. Thurber House has the permanent right in any media outlet worldwide to use all online, radio, television, merchandising, promotional, and publicity rights that publisher and author may have in connection with their participation in the competition for The Thurber Prize for American Humor. Both publisher and author release any claim they have by virtue of their participation in the Thurber Prize competition, for use of their photographs, names, likenesses, voice, or appearances in connection with the Thurber Prize, and each consents to the permanent right to tape and/or broadcast the author's acceptance speech without further consent or payment.*