

1999 Book Awards

Homestead

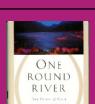
Rosina Lippi

Lippi's novel is a series of stories told from the viewpoint of the women of a remote village in the mountains of Austria over a period of 70 years. They are farm wives and mothers, and their lives change as the outside world intrudes. We are caught up in their lives, vividly feeling each generation's emotions, realizing the strong ties of kinship and coming to care intensely for these women.





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Lost in Translation

Nicole Mones

An affecting novel of a young American woman living in Beijing, yearning for acceptance but constantly reminded of her Western otherness, who signs on as interpreter for an American/Chinese archaeology expedition to the deserts of Mongolia searching for the remains of Peking Man. Part cultural history, part adventure, part love story, its a mesmerizing tale.

One Round River

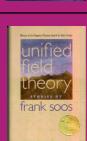
Richard Manning

Richard Manning goes far beyond simply condemning the greed and lust that has spoiled so much of the West. He quietly seduces you into seeing the many complex problems of the Blackfoot River, hoping that his insight will bring about change. There is no shortage of writers pleading to save what remains of our precious region, but Manning's voice soars above the others.

Mr. White's Confession

Robert Clark

Robert Clark reveals an unconventional tale of intrigue through the unreliable memory of an accused killer and the bumbling attemps of a police detective. A story full of surprises right to the end.



Unified Field Theory

Frank Soos

A wonderful debut collection of stories that capture people in the middle of their lives as things fall apart. Jobs, marriages, and hopes disintegrate while they seek strategies and explanations. Some look for something larger than themselves while others get in their cars and drive, as if motion alone might offer a solution.



Except by Nature

Sandra Alcosser

Sandra Alcosser's poems are full of life lived just a little on the wild side. Reading them gives an immediate sense of 'yeah, almost been there myself' and a gratefulness that she paid enough attention to get the details down. Take a dip into Alcosser's world, and find it "jittering with possibility."







