

Columbia Announces Pulitzer Prize Winners

Michael I. Sovern, president of Columbia University, announced the winners of the 1981 Pulitzer Prizes on April 13. The awards in the category of Letters were as follows.

Fiction: "A Confederacy of Dunces" by John Kennedy Toole (*Louisiana State University Press*). Also nominated in this category were "So Long, See You Tomorrow" by William Maxwell (*Knopf*) and "Godric" by Frederick Buechner (*Atheneum*). The jury in this category was composed of Jonathan Yardley, book editor for *The Washington Star* (chairman); Joy Gould Boyum, professor of English at New York University and

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film critic for *The Wall Street Journal*; and Peter S. Prescott, book critic at *Newsweek*.

History: "American Education: The National Experience, 1783-1876" by Lawrence A. Cremin (*Harper & Row*). Also nominated were "Over Here: The First World War and American Society" by David M. Kennedy (*Oxford University Press*) and "A Search for Power: The 'Weaker Sex' in Seventeenth Century New England" by Lyle Koehler (*University of Illinois Press*). Jurors: William H. Goetzmann, Stiles professor of American history at the University of Texas at Austin (chairman); Suzanne Garment, associate editor of *The Wall Street Journal*; and Karl Joachim Weintraub, dean of the division of the humanities at the University of Chicago.

Biography: "Peter the Great: His Life and World" by Robert K. Massie (*Knopf*). Also nominated: "Walt Whitman, A Life" by Justin Kaplan (*Simon & Schuster*) and "Walter Lippmann and the American Experience" by Ronald Steel (*Atlantic-Little, Brown*). Jurors: Beatrice Hofstadter, historian (chairwoman); John Kenneth Galbraith, professor emeritus in economics at Harvard University; and Gertrude Himmelfarb, distinguished professor of history at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Poetry: "The Morning of the Poem" by James Schuyler (*Farrar, Straus & Giroux*). Also nominated: "The Right Madness on Skye" by Richard Hugo (*W. W. Norton*) and "Selected Poems" by Mark Strand (*Atheneum*). Jurors: James Dickey, poet-in-residence and professor of English at the University of South Carolina (chairman); John Ashbery, poet and professor of English at Brooklyn College; and Nona Balakian, critic at *The New York Times*.

General Nonfiction: "Fin-de-Siècle Vienna: Politics and Culture" by Carl E. Schorske (*Knopf*). Also nominated: "Southerners: A Journalist's Odyssey" by Marshall Frady (*NAL Books*), "China Men" by Maxine Hong Kingston (*Knopf*) and "Goodbye Darkness: A Memoir of the Pacific War" by William Manchester (*Little, Brown*). Jurors: John Barkham, critic (chairman); Frances FitzGerald, author; and William K. Robertson, book editor of *The Miami Herald*.