

The New York Public Library

Dear Friend:

On behalf of The New York Public Library and the Young Lions Program, we are pleased to invite you to submit nominees for The New York Public Library's Tenth Annual Young Lions Fiction Award, to be given in the spring of 2010. This award was created expressly to promote the work of young writers, to celebrate their accomplishments publicly, and to make a difference in the lives of these artists as they continue to build their careers. The award, which carries a \$10,000 prize, is given annually to an American writer age 35 or younger for either a novel or collection of short stories. The 2009 prize was awarded to Salvatore Scibona for his novel *The End*.

To be considered for this prize, the candidate must meet the following requirements:

- The writer must be age 35 or younger during 2009
- The book must be written for adults (no children's or YA)
- He or she must be a citizen of the United States
- The work must be either a novel or a collection of short stories published between January 2009 and December 2009. We will accept submissions in galley form for works to be published after the submission deadline of Friday, August 28, 2009.
- The publisher must submit all books. Authors may not submit their work on their own.

Each submission will be read by several members of our Reading Committee, who will then select the five finalists. A prestigious panel of three award judges will subsequently select the winner of the \$10,000 prize.

This award is part of the Young Lions Program, a membership program for donors in their 20s and 30s who are dedicated to supporting the mission of the Library. The Young Lions Program hosts events each season, highlighting the work of young writers, artists, and scholars who are making an impact on the world.

We are accepting nominations for the Young Lions Fiction Award through **August 28, 2009**, and hope you will submit qualified works from among your many talented writers. The submission form is available at www.support.nypl.org/younglions/young-lions-fiction-award.html. Should you have any questions regarding the award, please contact the Young Lions Program office at (212) 930-0887.

We look forward to receiving your wonderful books.

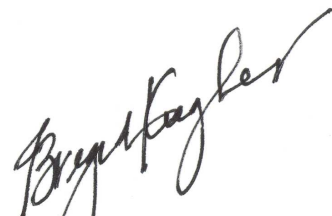
Sincerely,



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