

# PEN/ Hemingway Award for Debut Fiction

1983: Mason, Bobbie Ann. [Shiloh and Other Stories](#)

1982: Robinson, Marilynne. [Housekeeping](#)

1981: Silber, Joan. [Household Words](#)

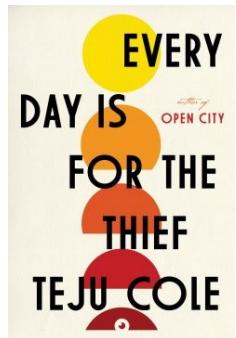
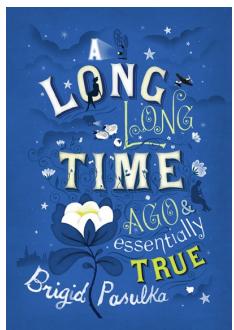
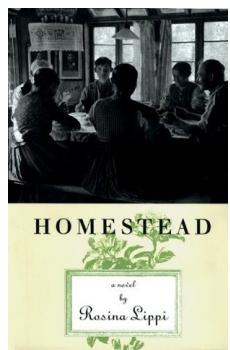
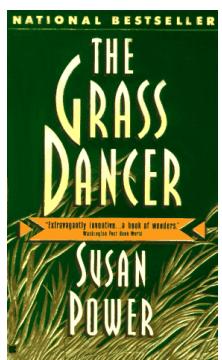
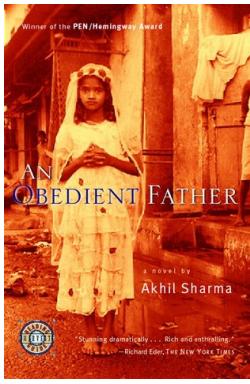
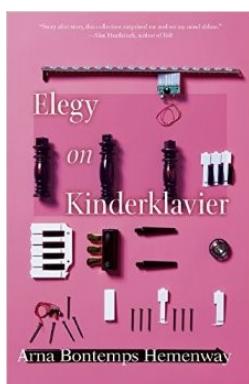
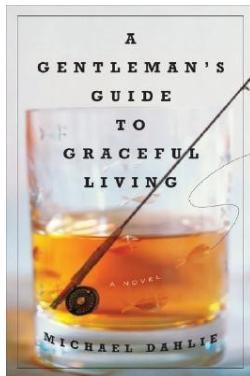
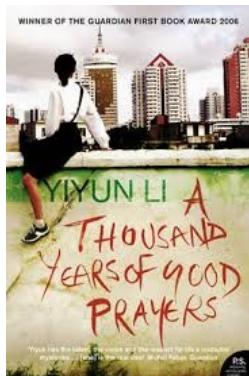
1980: Saperstein, Alan. [Mom Kills Kids and Self](#)

1979: Bercovitch, Reuben. [Hasen](#)

1978: O'Brien, Darcy. [A Way of Life, Like Any Other](#)

1977: Adler, Renata. [Speedboat](#)

1976: Little, Loyd. [Parthian Shot](#)



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- 2023: Hokeah, Oscar. Calling for a Blanket Dance
- 2022: Peters, Torrey. Detransition, Baby
- 2021: Washburn, Kawai Strong. Sharks in the Time of Saviors
- 2020: Tomar, Ruchika. A Prayer for Travelers
- 2019: Orange, Tommy. There There
- 2018: Wang, Weike. Chemistry
- 2017: Gyasi, Yaa. Homegoing
- 2016: Moshfegh, Ottessa. Eileen
- 2015: Hemenway, Arna Bontemps. Elegy on Kinderklavier
- 2014: Bulawayo, NoViolet. We Need New Names
- 2013: Powers, Kevin. The Yellow Birds
- 2012: Cole, Teju. Open City
- 2011: Skyhorse, Brando. The Madonnas of Echo Park
- 2010: Pasulka, Brigid. A Long, Long Time and Essentially True
- 2009: Dahlie, Michael. A Gentleman's Guide to Graceful Living
- 2008: Ferris, Joshua. Then We Came to the End
- 2007: Fountain, Ben. Brief Encounters With Che Guevara
- 2006: Li, Yiyun. A Thousand Years of Good Prayers



- 2005: Abani, Chris. Graceland
- 2004: Haigh, Jennifer. Mrs. Kimble
- 2003: Brownstein, George. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Apt. 3W
- 2002: Cronin, Justin. Mary and O'Neil
- 2001: Sharma, Akhil. An Obedient Father
- 2000: Lahiri, Jhumpa. Interpreter of Maladies
- 1999: Lipina, Rosina. Homestead
- 1998: Bacon, Charlotte. A Private State
- 1997: Jin, Ha. Ocean of Words
- 1996: Lee, Chang-Rae. Native Speaker
- 1995: Power, Susan. The Grass Dancer
- 1994: Gilb, Dagobert. The Magic of Blood
- 1993: Jones, Edward P. Lost in the City
- 1992: Begley, Louis. Wartime Lies
- 1991: Cooper, Bernard. Maps to Anywhere
- 1990: Richard, Mark. The Ice at the Bottom of the World
- 1989: Hamilton, Jane. The Book of Ruth
- 1988: Thornton, Lawrence. Imagining Argentina
- 1987: Brown, Mary Ward. Tongues of Flame
- 1986: Hewat, Alan V. Lady's Time
- 1985: Humphreys, Josephine. Dreams of Sleep
- 1984: Chase, Joan. During the Reign of the Queen of Persia