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## **WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE 2014-2015 WNBA Annual Writing Competition Winners**

The Women's National Book Association is pleased to announce the winners of WNBA's Third Annual Writing Competition.

Poetry:

**Diana Whitney for "Curiosity"**

Fiction:

**Allison Har-zvi for "If You're Ready"**

Creative Non-Fiction/Memoir:

**Diane Kraynak for "Science Project"**

Winners will receive a \$250 cash prize and publication in the *Bookwoman*, the official publication of the Women's National Book Association, with 11 chapters nationwide. Proceeds from the contest will go to support scholarships for writing conferences and other professional development training. To see 2nd, 3rd & honorable mention winners in each category, please visit [www.wnba-books.org/contest](http://www.wnba-books.org/contest).

After years of celebrating published authors, extraordinary book women and others in the field, WNBA have decided it was time to celebrate emerging writers from across the country. In 2012, the first of our annual writing contests was announced. In only three short years, the contest doubled in size & added the category of non-fiction/ essay/ memoir.

The 2015 Writing Competition judges were:

- Poetry Judge: Ellen Bass, an accomplished author, her most recent book of poetry is *Like a Beggar*
- Fiction Judge: Michelle Hoover, teaches writing at Boston University and Grub Street. Her writing has appeared in numerous publications
- Creative Non-Fiction/Memoir Judge: Deirdre Bair, author of several titles, she received a National Book Award for *Samuel Beckett: A Biography*.

The WNBA Annual Writing Competition Chairperson is Joan Gelfand, Poetry Editor for the "J.", Development Chair of the WNBA and regular blogger for *The Huffington Post*.

If you have an interest in advertising the contest to your English department, journal or group or would like to participate as a judge, please contact Joan Gelfand: [joan@joangelfand.com](mailto:joan@joangelfand.com). For more information on the WNBA Annual Writing Competition, please go to [www.wnba-books.org/contest](http://www.wnba-books.org/contest).

Founded in 1917, WNBA is a national organization of women and men who promote the value of the written word by championing the role of women in the book community and by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information. To find out more or if you are interested in joining, please visit us at [www.wnba-books.org](http://www.wnba-books.org).