



Paul Hostovsky Wins the 2015 FutureCycle Poetry Book Prize

THE BAD GUYS by Paul Hostovsky is judged the best full-length poetry book published by FutureCycle Press last year

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Jan. 1, 2016 - [PRLog](#) -- FutureCycle Press (www.futurecycle.org) is pleased to announce that **Paul Hostovsky has won the 2015 FutureCycle Poetry Book Prize for his superb collection, *The Bad Guys***. In addition to the prize, Hostovsky wins an honorarium of more than \$1,000 and becomes one of the esteemed judges for the 2016 prize.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Who are the bad guys, anyway? Which one is the good fight? In Paul Hostovsky's eighth book of poetry (and the third from FutureCycle Press) there are poems about suicide bombers and high school bullies, capricious exes and ecstatic bums, fastidious drug-dealers and contemplative alcoholics, evil stenchers and spiritual moms; poems about the Republicans, the mega-hospitals, the brusque and bearded anesthesiologists, and the lady who gave out pencils on Halloween. Plus a host of other unlikely, often likable, always loveable, candidates. The poems in this collection are by turns funny and poignant, formal and free verse—a villanelle here, a pantoum there, and lots of loosey-goosey sonnets peppered throughout. Thomas Lux has said: "Hostovsky's poems strike me as kinds of non-religious prayers—of joy, of grief, of praise, of pain...but mostly prayers as a form of gratitude, a kind of thank you, thank you, Life!"

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Fans of the *Writer's Almanac* may already be familiar with Hostovsky's work. He is the author of seven previous books of poetry: *Selected Poems* (2014), *Naming Names* (2013), *Hurt Into Beauty* (2012), *A Little in Love a Lot* (2011), *Dear Truth* (2009), *Bending the Notes* (2008), and *Sonnets from South Mountain* (2001). His poems have won a Pushcart Prize, two Best of the Net awards, the Muriel Craft Bailey Award from *The Comstock Review*, and five poetry chapbook contests. He has been featured on Poetry Daily, Verse Daily, The *Writer's Almanac*, and he was a Featured Poet on The Georgia Poetry Circuit. He makes his living in Boston as a sign language interpreter and Braille instructor. He lives in Medfield, Massachusetts with his wife, Marlene, and two stepchildren, Josh and Amber.

AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK AND KINDLE EDITIONS

Those who have not yet met this extraordinary poet could not do better than to start with *The Bad Guys*. For the prize announcement and links to purchase this winning collection in either paperback (from the press estore) or in Kindle format (on Amazon), visit our catalog at www.futurecycle.org.

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