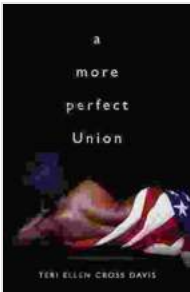


More Perfect Union Journal Cbwheeler Poetry Prize: A Beacon of Literary Excellence



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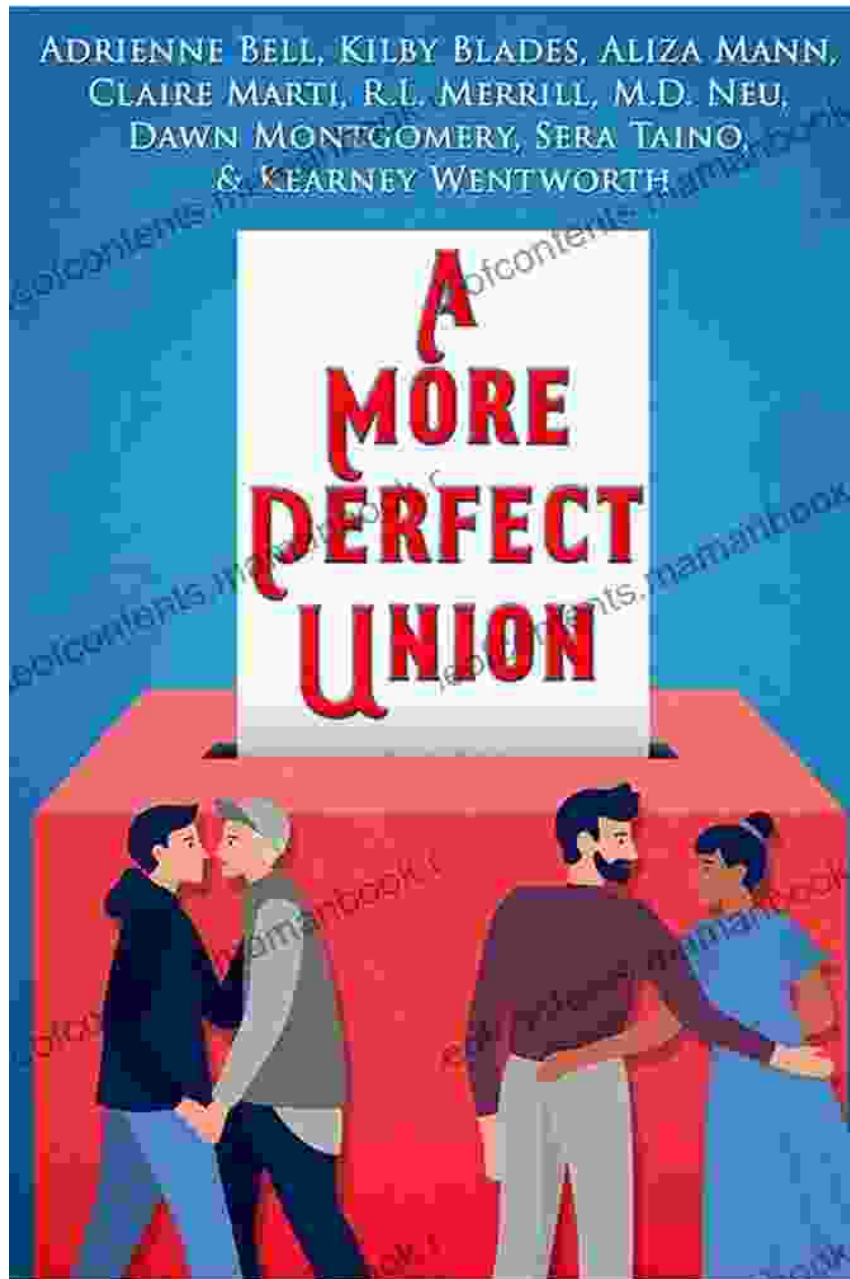
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In the realm of contemporary literature, the More Perfect Union Journal Cbwheeler Poetry Prize stands as a beacon of artistic achievement. Established in 2018, this prestigious award recognizes poets whose work embodies exceptional literary merit, intellectual rigor, and social consciousness.

Origins and Purpose

The More Perfect Union Journal, the literary journal that sponsors the prize, was founded in 2013 by a group of dedicated writers and scholars. Inspired by the spirit of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the journal seeks to promote a more just and equitable society through thoughtful and imaginative storytelling.

The Cbwheeler Poetry Prize was established within the journal as a means to honor the legacy of Dr. Charles B. Wheeler, a renowned poet and professor whose work championed social justice and human dignity. The prize aims to support poets who share Wheeler's commitment to exploring complex social issues and crafting poems that provoke thought, challenge perspectives, and inspire change.

Judging Criteria

The Cbwheeler Poetry Prize is judged by a distinguished panel of poets, critics, and scholars who evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- **Literary Merit:** Exceptional use of language, imagery, and poetic form
- **Intellectual Rigor:** Exploration of complex ideas and themes with depth and nuance
- **Social Consciousness:** Engagement with social justice issues, marginalized voices, and the human condition
- **Originality:** Fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to poetic expression

Legacy and Impact

Since its inception, the Cbwheeler Poetry Prize has attracted a diverse range of talented poets whose work has left an indelible mark on contemporary literature. Past winners include:

- **2018:** Natalie Diaz for her collection "Postcolonial Love Poem"
- **2019:** Jericho Brown for his collection "The Tradition"
- **2020:** Claudia Rankine for her collection "Citizen: An American Lyric"
- **2021:** Ocean Vuong for his collection "Night Sky with Exit Wounds"
- **2022:** Donika Kelly for her collection "Bestiary"

These poets have not only received critical acclaim for their work but have also played a significant role in shaping the discourse on social justice, race, gender, and identity in American poetry. Their voices have resonated with readers of all backgrounds, fostering empathy, understanding, and a desire for a more just and equitable world.

Submission Guidelines and Prize

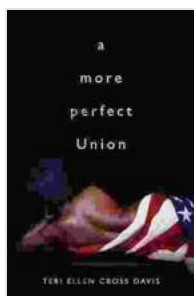
The Cbwheeler Poetry Prize is open to poets of all backgrounds and affiliations. Submissions are accepted annually during a designated submission period, typically in the fall. The winning poet receives a cash prize, publication in the More Perfect Union Journal, and the opportunity to give a public reading of their work.

Detailed submission guidelines and information on the current submission period can be found on the More Perfect Union Journal's website.

The More Perfect Union Journal Cbwheeler Poetry Prize is a testament to the enduring power of poetry as a force for social change and artistic

innovation. By recognizing and celebrating poets whose work engages with the most pressing issues of our time, the prize helps to amplify their voices and create a more just and equitable world through the transformative power of language.

As the prize continues to evolve, it will undoubtedly continue to inspire generations of poets to push the boundaries of poetic expression and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on the human condition. The More Perfect Union Journal Cbwheeler Poetry Prize stands as a beacon of literary excellence, shining a light on the transformative power of poetry to illuminate our shared humanity and create a more perfect union.



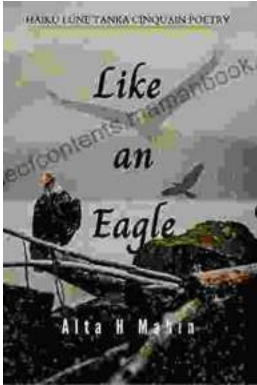
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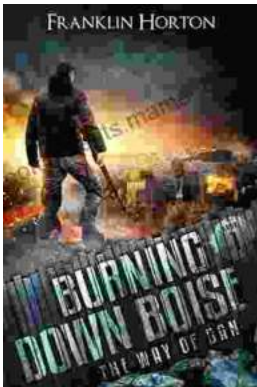
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