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# The Donald L. Jordan Prize for Literary Excellence

The finalists' manuscripts are now being sent on to this year's final judge, Maureen Gibbon. Our contest will open this year on May 31st 2026 and close on October 31st 2026.

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The Donald L. Jordan Prize for Literary Excellence is a \$10,000 endowed prize that is awarded annually; the prize is contingent upon the winner signing a contract for publication with DLJ Books at CSU Press. The 2027 contest will close on October 31st 2026. We announce the finalists at the end of the fall semester, and the winner is decided upon by the final judge in early spring. Past judges have included Rosellen Brown, Pam Houston and Antonya Nelson. This year's judge is Maureen Gibbon.

