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THE 2008 PATERSON FICTION PRIZE

Judged by Laura Boss

WINNERS

The Abstinence Teacher by Tom Perrotta (St, Martin’s Press, New York, NY)
“Tom Perrotta’s The Abstinence Teacher explores the contemporary idiosyncratic landscape of suburbia with a freshness that is dazzling. At once ironic and tender, this novel reveals Perrotta’s genius with dialogue that seems both seamless and startling”.

The Septembers of Shiraz by Dalia Sofer (HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY)
“The Septembers of Shiraz, a compelling first novel by Dalia Sofer, has the power to cause the reader to ignore the ringing of the phone or the lure of e-mail. Sofer writes with both stunning fierceness and luminous clarity”.

FINALISTS

What You Have Left by Will Allison (Free Press, New York, NY)
The Jew of Home Depot and Other Stories by Max Apple (The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD)
The American Wife by Elaine Ford (The University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, Mi)
The Animal Girl by John Fulton (Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, LA)

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