



# THE POETRY CENTER AT PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

is pleased to announce the winners of

## 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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