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And The Pulitzer For Forgotten Fiction Goes To...

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[All Things Considered](#), April 19, 2009 · On Monday, we'll learn who won this year's Pulitzer Prizes. Another novel will join a distinguished list, rubbing elbows with *Gone With the Wind*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Old Man and the Sea*, *Beloved* and many others.

It's sure to win a bit of immortality for the author, right? Well, not necessarily.

We're going out on a limb to say there are a bunch of Pulitzer Prize-winning novels you've probably never heard of — unless you're some kind of literary wunderkind.

Were these books great in their time, but only in their time? Were the Pulitzer jurors simply out to lunch? Or maybe the literary pickings are just slim some years.

Here's a list of Pulitzer novels we've forgotten. Add your own forgotten fiction in the comment field below — or tell us what we've missed.

Our Unscientific List Of Least-Known Fiction Winners

- *His Family* by Ernest Poole, 1918
- *Early Autumn* by Louis Bromfield, 1927
- *Scarlet Sister Mary* by Julia Peterkin, 1929
- *Laughing Boy* by Oliver Lafarge, 1930
- *Years of Grace* by Margaret Ayer Barnes, 1931
- *The Store* by T.S. Stribling, 1933
- *Lamb in His Bosom* by Caroline Miller, 1934
- *Now in November* by Josephine Winslow Johnson, 1935
- *Honey in the Horn* by Harold L. Davis, 1936
- *In This Our Life* by Ellen Glasgow, 1942
- *Journey in the Dark* by Martin Flavin, 1944
- *Guard of Honor* by James Gould Cozzens, 1949
- *The Way West* by A.B. Guthrie, 1950
- *The Town* by Conrad Richter, 1951
- *The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters* by Robert Lewis Taylor, 1959
- *The Edge of Sadness* by Edwin O'Connor, 1962
- *Elbow Room* by James Alan McPherson, 1978