Fact Sheet – Curbstone Press

Founded: 1975

Mission:

The dual mission of Curbstone Press is to publish creative writers whose work promotes human rights and intercultural understanding and to bring these writers and the issues they illuminate into universities, public schools, and the community. Curbstone publishes between 8 and 12 books per year from its offices in Willimantic, Connecticut. The books are distributed nationwide and in Canada by Perseus/Consortium.

Co-Directors: Judith Ayer Doyle and Alexander Taylor

Major Awards to Curbstone Press:

1981: Connecticut State Arts Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts
1989: Carey-Thomas Award for Creative Publishing
1995: National Hispanic Academy of Media Arts and Sciences for Achievement in Publishing
1996: New England Booksellers Association for Publishing Excellence
1996: Literacy Volunteers of America- Connecticut Star in Literacy Award
2000: Ed Hogan Award for Literary Editing
2001: ALTA Award for Dedication to Translation
2002: Connecticut Center for the Book Award for Lifetime Achievement in Service to the Literary Community
2004: The PEN Gregory Kolovakos Award for commitment to Hispanic Literature and expanding its English-language audience
2006: Hartford Independent Media Center’s Media & Activism Award
2007: PEN New England “Friends to Writers” Award

Major Awards to Curbstone Books and Authors:

A number of Curbstone books have received prizes from the following The ALTA Outstanding Translation of the Year Award, The American Book Award, The Critics Choice Award, Foreword’s Book of the Year Award, Independent Publishers Award, Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award, The Lambda Literary Award, The Paterson Poetry Prize, The PEN/Oakland Award, The PEN/Revson Award, Premio Atzlán, and The Pushcart Prize,

Reviews:


Education Outreach

Curbstone’s educational outreach programs have contributed significantly to the enrichment of learning in public schools. Curbstone has arranged author residencies in various parts of the country, One Windham High School teacher described the author visits as “magical.” A number of Curbstone books have been incorporated into the permanent curriculum, both at Windham High and other public schools throughout the state.