

Nominee: Ann Cummins  
Category: Literature

Ann Cummins has published a novel, *Yellowcake*; a collection of short stories, *Red Ant House*; and her work has appeared in journals such as *The New Yorker* and *McSweeney's*. She is the recipient of a Lannan Fellowship.

Ann Cummins teaches creative writing at Northern Arizona University, and she has mentored a number of writers who have gone on to produce outstanding literary work.

Some of the highlights of the eleven-year history of the Northern Arizona Book Festival came about through Ann Cummins' involvement. She served the Book Festival as a board member, an artist, and a connection to other artists such as Dave Eggers and Denis Johnson who helped make the Book Festival a national class event.

Ann Cummins deserves the Viola Award for Literature based on the outstanding quality of her published work, which is well crafted and original. She also deserves the award for the credibility and quality she brings to the Flagstaff literary scene.

For Ann Cummins biography please visit: <http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~amc/>

Ann Cummins write and presents a book review on KNAU, please listen here: [http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/knau/news.newsmain?action=section&SECTION\\_ID=6728](http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/knau/news.newsmain?action=section&SECTION_ID=6728)

For an interview with Ann Cummins please visit this website:  
<http://www.readersread.com/features/anncummins.htm>