

Announcing the Results of the Great Lakes Novel Prize

The editors of Bottom Dog Press and Drinian Press wish to thank all those who entered the contest and offer congratulations to the finalists and the winning author. The entries proved the truth of the concept that there are many good novels in our region that are deserving of publication.

During the judging, four finalists were named. They were:

Silent Messages by John Albion
Strangers in America by Erika Meyers
The Best Interest by Eric L. Terlizzi
The Main Ingredient by Margo Wilson

Robert Flanagan, the final contest judge, has selected *Strangers in America* as the winning entry which will be published in the spring by Bottom Dog Press in their Working Lives Fiction Series.

Ms. Meyers is from Mantua, Ohio, and an English major graduate of Kent State University. She has worked in the publishing business and is also a poet. This is her first novel.

Congratulations to Erika Meyers and *Strangers in America*!

The contest was endorsed by the Great Lakes Independent Booksellers Association.

About Robert Flanagan...

Flanagan's novel, *MAGGOT* (Warner Books), went through twelve paperback printings and sold a quarter of a million copies; a collection of stories, *NAKED TO NAKED GOES* (Scribners), was named by the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* as one of the best books published in 1986; and a second story collection, *LOVING POWER* (Bottom Dog Press), received high praise by writers Lee K. Abbott, Hugh Nissenson, Annabel Thomas and Austin Wright. His stories have been included in various anthologies, and he is the author of two full-length stage plays

Flanagan has reviewed boxing, poetry and comedy books for the Columbus *Dispatch*, taught fiction writing at Thurber House, and served as a judge of the GLCA new book awards. He retired as Director of Creative Writing at Ohio Wesleyan University and now writes full time.