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MYRA SHAPIRO PRIZE FOR POETRY



In an interview with *Rattle* on August 12, 2015, poet **Myra Shapiro** reported, "I was born in the Bronx but my father moved us to a little town in Georgia 'to make a buck' when I was ten, so I spent years longing for the City that fit me: the way I spoke (a mix of immigrant rhythms and no-nonsense directness), buildings that held me close, lit-up windows that warmed me. In 1981, I started subletting apartments and I'm still here."

Ms. Shapiro has published poems and stories in many periodicals and anthologies, including *The Best American Poetry*. Her books of poetry include *I'll See You Thursday* and, most recently, *12 Floors Above the Earth*. She is also the author of a memoir, *Four Sublets: Becoming a Poet in New York*. She is devoted to both solitude and community, and serves on the board of Poets House.

In recognition of Ms. Shapiro's gift, so warmly and generously shared, for teaching women to find their poet's voice in unexpected places, The International Women's Writing Guild is pleased to present the Myra Shapiro Prize for Poetry.



Guidelines for the Myra Shapiro Prize for Poetry

- The competition is open to any woman or woman-identified writer.
- Submissions will be accepted from May 15 through June 30, 2018.
- Entries may not exceed three poems and six pages total. Entries that exceed these guidelines will be disqualified.
- Entries must be original, in English, and may not have been previously published. Entries may not be accepted by any other publisher at the time of submission. Any entry that has been posted online other than in a personal blog is considered published.
- IWWG retains one-time nonexclusive publication rights to the top three entries in each category, to be published in an IWWG publication.
- All entries must be made through Submittable.com. Maximum of three submissions per entrant.
- Entrant's name and contact information should not appear anywhere on the entry.
- Submission entry fee is \$10 for IWWG members, \$15 for nonmembers, per submission.
- Judging is anonymous. Decisions are final. Judges shall recuse themselves from considering any entry they recognize, and a secondary judge will score the entry.
- First prize is \$250. Top three finalists receive a complimentary webinar in the IWWG Digital Village.
- The winner and finalists will be announced in September 2018.
- Members of the IWWG Board of Directors, IWWG staff, IWWG contractors, and relatives of the same are prohibited from submitting.
- IWWG maintains the right to withdraw the prize if no entry is judged to be of appropriate caliber.