

Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction ^[1]

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Inglis Fletcher, circa 1953-1957, winner of the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction for Outstanding Literary Achievement in 1953. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History..

^[3]The Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction was established in 1952 by the Historical Book Club of North Carolina to recognize the year's best book of fiction, drama, short stories, or poetry written by a North Carolinian. A replica of the statuette of Sir Walter Raleigh that crowns the master cup is usually given each year to the author or authors of the original book judged as being most worthy of recognition, though it is sometimes given for meritorious achievement over a period of years. Paul Green won the first award for his outstanding literary career. Other winners have included Daphne Athas, Doris Betts, [Fred Chappell](#) ^[4], John Ehle, [Charles Frazier](#) ^[5], [Kay Gibbons](#) ^[6], Reynolds Price, and Lee Smith. The competition, open to residents of North Carolina, is handled through the secretary of the [North Carolina Literary and Historical Association](#) ^[7].



Frances Gray Patton, circa 1950-1957, winner of the Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction in 1953, 1955, and 1956. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History.

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