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National Award-Winning Author Releases Literary Novel

We are pleased to announce that *Winter of Beauty*, a novel by Amy Hale Auker, winner of the 2012 WILLA Literary Award for Creative Nonfiction, will be released on October 1, 2013

Auker's writing is extraordinary, as evidenced by these reviews of her award-winning *Rightful Place*:

"Her focus is sharp and discerning, intimate and clear – so refreshing that her writing transcends the contemporary cattle-culture and her harsh Texas landscape to become a template for creating a richer life." John Dofflemyer, author of *Poems from Dry Creek*

"Auker is fiercely connected – and will connect you as well – with the most elemental spirits of the earth and the heart." Margo Metegrano, Director of The Center for Western and Cowboy Poetry

A working cowgirl, Auker writes and thrives on a ranch in Arizona where she is having a love affair with rock, mountains, piñon and juniper forests, the weather, and her songwriter husband, who is foreman of the ranch. As Amy says, "For years I cooked for cowboys, cleaned up after cowboys, listened to cowboys tell stories, but for the past four years I have done my own time in the saddle. And I write. Always I write."

She guides her readers to a place where the bats fly, lizards do pushups on the rocks, bears leave barefoot prints in the dirt. Where hummingbirds do rain dances in August, spiders weave for their food, and poetry is in the chrysalis and the cocoon.

Winter of Beauty will please the adult reader who enjoys the apt description of people and things; the understanding of nature, human or otherwise; and becoming immersed in them through a turn of phrase that brings both clarity of thought and joy in the reading.

Winter of Beauty

Amy Hale Auker, author

Literary Fiction

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More information about the book can be found at <http://www.Pen-L.com>.

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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