

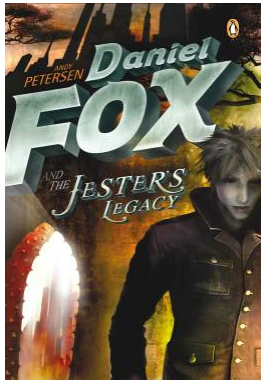


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PENGUIN AUTHORS WIN BOTH THE PERCY FITZPATRICK PRIZE FOR YOUTH LITERATURE AND THE THOMAS PRINGLE AWARD FOR A SHORT STORY

25 January 2011 - The English Academy of Southern Africa, announced today, the winners of the Percy FitzPatrick Prize and the Thomas Pringle Award.



PERCY FITZPATRICK PRIZE

This prize was won by Penguin's **Andy Petersen** for *Daniel Fox and the Jester's Legacy*. The judges, Crystal Warren (Convener), Marike Beyers and Megan van der Nest noted that 'the novel is interesting, with engaging complex characters, an imaginatively constructed world and surprising plot twists'.

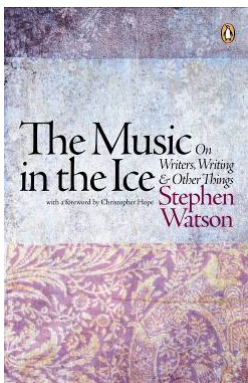
About the Author:

Andy Petersen was born in Chicago in 1992 and lives in Johannesburg with his parents and two sisters. He has always enjoyed writing, and at the age of seven wrote his first short novel.



In 2009, Andy was honoured by the *Mail and Guardian* as one of the *300 Young South Africans You Have to Take to Lunch*; which acknowledges the achievements and invaluable contributions made by young South Africans and their power of positive influence in our society.

THOMAS PRINGLE AWARD (Short Story)



Stephen Watson won the award for 'Buiten Street', which appears in his collection of essays *Music in the Ice*. The judges, Jo-Anne Richards (Convener), Hugh Hodge and Phakama Mbonambi, were impressed by his discursive style and mastery of language and imagery. They noted that the story 'captures the poignancy of the struggle we all go through to accept and understand the experiences that form us'.

About the Author:

Stephen Watson, a Professor in English and current Director of the Creative Writing Centre at the University of Cape Town, is the author of many collections of poetry, two works of non-fiction, and a number of edited books, most recently *Cape Town: A City Imagined*.



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