1. Winning entry will be published by Livingston Press at The University of West Alabama, in simultaneous hard cover and trade paper editions. Winning entry will receive $1,000, plus our standard royalty contract, which includes 100 copies of the book.

2. Author must not have a story collection published or under contract at time of entry; novels will not disqualify the author. In keeping with Tartt's biography, we are looking for an author who has yet to publish a fiction collection.

3. Stories may have been previously published by magazines or in anthologies, though the author should have all reprint rights. Magazines will be acknowledged.

4. Manuscripts must be typewritten, and we will require a computer file in Word from the winning author.

5. **Manuscript length:** 160-275 pages.

6. **Deadline for postmark:** December 31 of every year.

7. **Entry fee:** twenty dollars. Handling makes this necessary.

8. **No manuscripts will be returned.** Please send only a copy.

   Once the contest deadline has passed we send acknowledgements of receipt to all the entrants. Until then you may simply use your cancelled check to indicate such.

9. Winner announced in early summer, with publication following summer.

10. Winner must be an American citizen; work must be in English.

11. Style and content of manuscripts are completely open.

12. Finalists may have a story included in our annual anthology, *Tartts 7*.

13. Send manuscripts and check to:

   **Livingston Press**
   **The University of West Alabama**
   **Station 22**
   **Livingston, Alabama 35470**
   **www.livingstonpress.uwa.edu**

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**Purpose:** Though Ruby Pickens Tartt worked for the Works Project Association in collecting slave narratives in Alabama, and though she was published in several literary magazines, her work was only collected under her name and published posthumously. Accordingly, we are hoping to give a beginning fiction writer a chance for publication. All styles and themes considered.
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