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EXPLAIN THE
ORIGIN OF THE
PULITZER PRIZE

1) American Genius, PBS, Joseph Pulitzer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns_hAsS_IkU&list=PPSV

2) Short History: The Pulitzer Prize

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1LiAR_S6kE&list=PPSV





Paul Harding

Paul Harding	
Born	1967 (age 56–57)
Occupation	Novelist
Education	University of Massachusetts, Amherst (BA) University of Iowa (MFA)
Genre	Literary fiction
Notable works	Tinkers (2009)
Notable awards	2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2010 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize

Harding's Other Books...



Enon

by Paul Harding (Pseudonym)

★★★★☆ 3.39 avg rating — 3,086 ratings — published 2013 — 27 editions



Lonely Planet Belize

by Paul Harding

★★★★☆ 4.40 avg rating — 5 ratings



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by Paul Harding, Greg Bloom, Celeste Brash

★★★★★ 0.00 avg rating — 0 ratings



Travel Guide Belize 9

by Paul Harding

★★★★★ 0.00 avg rating — 0 ratings

"Tinkers is truly remarkable." -MARILYN



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Facts about Paul Harding

- Paul Harding has an MFA in fiction from the Iowa Writers' Workshop (2000).
- He was a 2000–2001 Fiction Fellow at the Fine Arts Work Center, in Provincetown, MA.
- He has published short stories in *Shakepainter* and *The Harvard Review*
- Paul currently teaches creative writing at Harvard.
- His first novel, *Tinkers*, won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction
- *This Other Eden*, his third novel was shortlisted for the Booker Prize

Summary of Tinkers

- <https://youtu.be/CTdJIPz0HYQ?si=Zn7tEl879j40HmZr>

“And as the ax bites into the wood, be comforted in the fact that the ache in your heart and the confusion in your soul means that you are still alive, still human, and still open to the beauty of the world, even though you have done nothing to deserve it.”

— Paul Harding, [Tinkers](#)

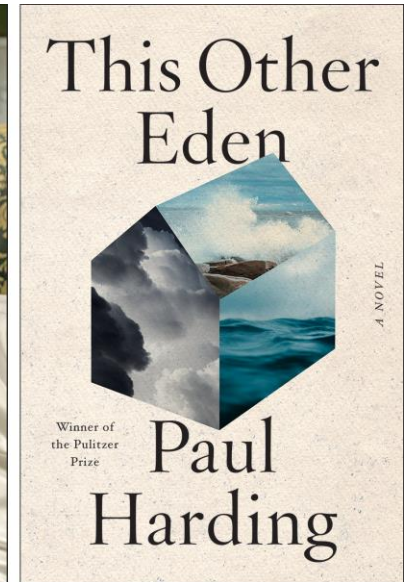
Interview with Paul Harding

<https://youtu.be/dqaKPSMpsB8?si=zmk0NDRGe24e2ZTi>

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/features/paul-harding-interview-this-other-eden>

Reading Guide for This Other Eden

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-library/features/reading-guide-this-other-eden-by-paul-harding>



Summary of This Other Eden

"This Other Eden" by Paul Harding tells the story of a mixed-race community, the Honey family, who settle on a remote island off the coast of Maine called Apple Island, finding refuge from societal prejudices after a formerly enslaved Black man, Benjamin Honey, and his Irish wife, Patience, arrive there in the late 18th century. The narrative focuses on the resilience of the island's inhabitants, particularly through a devastating hurricane flood that nearly wipes them out, where they cling to a tree with a homemade flag representing their community, symbolizing their determination to survive.

Summary cont.

However, their isolation is disrupted when a prejudiced missionary teacher, Matthew Diamond, arrives, exposing the island to the outside world and sparking the interest of authorities who wish to "cleanse" the island due to the eugenics movement, leading to a struggle against forced removal and institutionalization, ultimately highlighting the themes of resilience, identity, and the fight against intolerance.

- Key points
- **The Honey Family:**
- Benjamin Honey, a formerly enslaved man, and his Irish wife Patience establish a community on Apple Island, where they cultivate an apple orchard, giving the island its name.
- **The Flood:**
- A powerful hurricane causes a devastating flood, testing the resilience of the islanders as they cling to a tree, holding a symbolic flag that represents their community.
- **Matthew Diamond:**
- A prejudiced missionary teacher who arrives on the island, exposing the community to the outside world and facilitating the authorities' interest in removing the islanders

Eugenics Influence

- The story reflects the historical context of the eugenics movement, where the authorities view the diverse community on Apple Island as undesirable.

- Themes:**

- The novel explores themes of resilience, identity, the struggle against injustice, and the power of community in the face of oppression.

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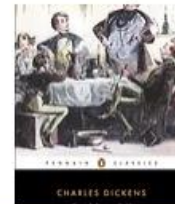
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November 29th

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



December's Author