

Contents

To the Reader

3

Prologue

Guy Davenport

And

5

► 1975 ◄

John McPhee

The Search for Marvin Gardens

7

► 1976 ◄

Barry Lopez

The Raven

21

► 1977 ◄

Susan Sontag

Unguided Tour

27

► 1978 ◄

Jamaica Kincaid

Girl

41

▶ 1979 ◀

Joan Didion
The White Album

45

▶ 1980 ◀

James Wright
May Morning

75

▶ 1981 ◀

Harry Mathews
*Country Cooking from Central France: Roast Boned
Rolled Stuffed Shoulder of Lamb (Farce Double)*

79

▶ 1982 ◀

Annie Dillard
Total Eclipse

95

▶ 1983 ◀

David Antin
The Theory and Practice of Postmodernism: A Manifesto

III

▶ 1984 ◀

Eliot Weinberger
The Dream of India

123

▶ 1985 ◀

Theresa Hak Kyung Cha

Erato Love Poetry

137

▶ 1986 ◀

Dennis Silk

The Marionette Theater

167

▶ 1987 ◀

Anne Carson

Kinds of Water

181

▶ 1988 ◀

Fabio Morabito

Oil

219

▶ 1989 ◀

George W. S. Trow

Needs

225

▶ 1990 ◀

Susan Mitchell

Notes Toward a History of Scaffolding

231

▶ 1991 ◀

Albert Goldbarth

Delft

251

▶ October 1992 ◀

Paul Metcalf

"... and nobody objected"

279

▶ October 1992 ◀

Sherman Alexie

Captivity

293

▶ 1993 ◀

Susan Griffin

Red Shoes

301

▶ 1994 ◀

Alexander Theroux

Black

317

▶ 1995 ◀

Lydia Davis

Foucault and Pencil

333

▶ 1996 ◀

David Shields

Life Story

337

▶ 1997 ◀

David Foster Wallace

Ticket to the Fair

343

▶ 1998 ◀

Wayne Koestenbaum

Darling's Prick

383

▶ 1999 ◀

Carole Maso

The Intercession of the Saints

391

▶ 2000 ◀

Mary Ruefle

Monument

407

▶ 2001 ◀

Thalia Field

A ∴ I

411

▶ 2002 ◀

Brian Lennon

Sleep

425

▶ 2003 ◀

Jenny Bouilly

The Body

435

Epilogue

Joe Wenderoth

Things To Do Today

467