

The Writers 2000 luncheon is the highpoint of the club's calendar. It's a time when members are rewarded for their perseverance, skill and dedication to the art of writing in all its genres. Once a year, prizes are awarded by leaders in the creative writing industry, to those writers who have excelled in fiction, poetry, and non-fiction. The judges this year include an erudite list of South African literary champions:

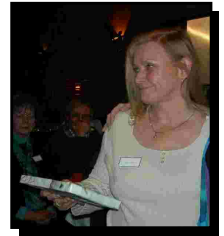
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**Allison Lowry - Fiction**  
Ceo Penguin South Africa

What Allison said of the winning entry: The winner understands the short story genre. Evocative. Places reader in the story. Creative. Use of language excellent. Theme: Swept away

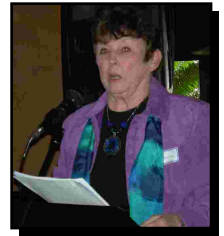
Winner: Joan von Memerty - Spring in the City



**Fred Khumalo - Non - fiction**  
Award winning author, and journalist

What Fred said: The winning entry is topical, and marketable. Technical finesse and ability.

Winner: Maureen Martus - Don't Steal My Man



**Dr Christine Marshall - Poetry**  
Doctor of English Literature, UNISA

What Christine said: The winning poem is sustained in all its parts, connected and fresh.

Winner: Duncan Steptoe - A Cup of Coffee



**Mapula Nkosi**  
Backpacer Award

What Mapula said about the winning entry: This back page is as important as the first page. Captivating, and of a high standard.

Winner: Jeanine Egan - Process of Elimination

