

## Shop Indy Bookstores

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I tell my students that serious writers read. It is not so surprising, therefore, that for the second year in a row the winner of our Albright contest works in a bookstore – the same bookstore, in fact: Scuppernong Books in Greensboro. We enjoyed holding readings there the last two years and thank them for their hospitality. We encourage readers to buy books from independent bookstores like Scuppernong.

This is the first appearance in *NCLR* of both Albright Prize winner Audrey Jennifer Smith and Applewhite Prize second place honoree Nancy Swanson. Welcome to them. We look forward to reading their work again in the future.

And yours too. ■

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