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PEN Center USA Announces Winners of the 2014 Literary Awards To Be Honored at the 24th Annual Literary Awards Festival

*Judd Apatow, Lena Dunham and Screenwriter Ben Coccio Among Winners to be
Presented Awards on November 11 in Beverly Hills*

Beverly Hills, CA—August 21, 2014... PEN Center USA, a literary nonprofit based in Beverly Hills, is proud to announce the winners of The 24th Annual Literary Awards, honoring the best writing in the western United States. The awards will be presented at the 24th Annual Literary Awards Festival to be held on November 11, 2014, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

The winning writers, whose submissions were judged by distinguished panels of writers, editors, critics and journalists, will take home one thousand dollar cash prizes. The 2014 award winners include: **Gretel Ehrlich** (Creative Nonfiction Award for *Facing The Wave*); **Octavio Solis** (Drama Award for *Se Llama Cristina*); **Lindsay Hill** (Fiction Award for *Sea Of Hooks*); **Craig Malisow** (Journalism Award for *Deadly Charades*); **Victoria Chang** (Poetry Award for *The Boss*); **Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis** (Research Nonfiction Award for *Dallas 1963*); **Ben Coccio** (Screenplay Award for *The Place Beyond the Pines*); **Judd Apatow and Lena Dunham** (Teleplay Award for *Girls "Together"*); **Wayne A. Rebhorn** (Translation Award for *The Decameron*); and **Margarita Engle** (Young Adult/Children Award for *The Lighting Dreamer, Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist*). The Graphic Literature Award winner and the recipient of the organization's Award of Honor will be announced in the coming weeks.

Last month, PEN Center USA announced their highly anticipated honorees, which included Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, **Norman Lear**; First Amendment Award recipients **Glenn Greenwald** and **Laura Poitras**; and **Jose Antonio Vargas** who will be honored with the Freedom to Write Award.

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For more information on The 24th Annual Literary Awards Festival, please contact PEN Center USA at awards@penusa.org.