

# **Ronald Rash**

**Professor at Western Carolina University**

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## **Biography**

Ron Rash is the author of the 2009 PEN/Faulkner finalist and New York Times bestseller *Serena* and *Above the Waterfall*, in addition to four prizewinning novels, including *The Cove*, *One Foot in Eden*, *Saints at the River*, and *The World Made Straight*; four collections of poems; and six collections of stories, among them *Burning Bright*, which won the 2010 Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award, and *Chemistry and Other Stories*, which was a finalist for the 2007 PEN/Faulkner Award. Twice the recipient of the O. Henry Prize, he teaches at Western Carolina University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Southern Writing, Poetry, English, Appalachia, Novelist

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## **Event Appearances**

**Author Talk: Ron Rash**  
Lexington County Library

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## **Education**

**Clemson University**  
M.A.

**Gardner-Webb University**  
B.A.

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## **Accomplishments**

**PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction**  
2009 Finalist for the New York Times bestseller *Serena*

**Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern Literature**

2020 Mercer University's Spencer B. King Jr. Center for Southern Studies

**PEN/Faulkner Award**

2007 For "Chemistry and Other Stories"

**Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award**

2010 For "Burning Bright"

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