



# Got wheels?

## Tell us where you've been.

### The Writers' Workshoppe seeks submissions to the "Writers on the Road" writing contest.

All ages are welcome to enter. Entrants may submit either a poem or an essay of no more than 750 words in length using "road trip" as the theme. Excerpts from longer work are admissible. **The deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010.** Winners will be notified by Monday, Sept. 6, 2010.

Submit manuscripts with this entry form to *The Leader*; 226 Adams St.; Port Townsend, WA 98368 or to arts@ptleader.com with "Writers on the Road" in the subject line and the requested information on this form in the body of the email. Include the title of your piece on the manuscript, but **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE MANUSCRIPT.** All entries will be judged by blind submission. Judges are Bill Curtsinger, Anna Quinn and Jordan Hartt.

The first-place winner receives \$100 and a copy of *The Car That Brought You Here Still Runs: Revisiting the Northwest Towns of Richard Hugo* (University of Washington Press) by Frances McCue; second-place winner receives a copy of McCue's book, five 1-pound bags of Sunrise Coffee and a coffee mug from the Writers' Workshoppe; third-place prize is a copy of McCue's book, three 1-pound bags of coffee and a coffee mug from the Writers' Workshoppe.

Winners will be asked to read their work at a book reading and signing by Frances McCue, author of *The Car That Brought You Here Still Runs*, on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Rose Theater in Port Townsend at 1 p.m. The first-place essay/poem will be published in *The Leader*, Port Townsend's weekly independent newspaper (www.ptleader.com), the week prior to the reading.

McCue's book is a series of 13 essays about the Northwest towns, "triggering towns," that inspired the writing and poetry of Richard Hugo. Most of these towns are small and dusty, places many have never heard of. Part travelogue, part memoir, part literary scholarship, *The Car That Brought You Here Still Runs* traces the journey of McCue and renowned Northwest photographer Mary Randlett to the towns that inspired many of Hugo's poems.

Hugo (1923-1982) was an American poet born in the White Center area of Seattle. His work reflects the economic depression of the Northwest, particularly Montana. Hugo received his bachelor's degree in 1948 and a master's degree in creative writing in 1952 from the University of Washington, where he studied under Theodore Roethke. The Richard Hugo House, a center for the literary arts located in Seattle, is named for him.

The Writers' Workshoppe, Sunrise Coffee, *The Leader* and Bill Curtsinger sponsor the contest and reading. For more information, call Anna Quinn at The Writers' Workshoppe (www.writersworkshoppe.com) at 379-2617.

## "Writers on the Road" Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Manuscript title: \_\_\_\_\_