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We are pleased to announce the release of an outstanding collection of short stories by five noted Texas writers



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*Texas 5 x 5, Twenty-five Stories by
Five Texas Writers*

These stories present genuine truths about human nature. They tell of love, rage, grief, laughter, sorrow, loneliness, and many other powerful emotions. Nothing is exaggerated. We are presented with true insights about ourselves and the world around us. But they don't give us the answers; instead, they raise questions. The really important issues in our lives don't have answers—in fact, most questions worth asking don't have solid answers—questions about topics such as God, love, death, birth, art, shame, fear, abandonment. Unlike commercial art, solid, quality literature inspires us to question, to ponder, to sit quietly and think about our own lives, our own loves, our own grief, our own laughter, our own sorrows, our own loneliness, our own hopes for small miracles.

—Laurie Champion, Editor of *Texas 5 x 5*

These interconnected stories share characters, a Texas setting, imagery, or style. Many share direct plot connections. Reminiscent of a story cycle by a single author, the fictional pieces in this composite anthology **by five of the best writers in the Lone Star State** resonate with meaning built up across, as well as within, the individual works. The result is a new and unique kind of reading experience.

Laurie Champion is the editor of several story anthologies including *Texas Told'em: Gambling Stories*

Jerry Craven is the author of twenty-five books, including the novels *The Big Thicket* and *The Wild Part*

Terry Dalrymple is author of *Fishing for Trouble*, and *Salvation and Other Stories*, and the founding editor of *Concho River Review*

Andrew Geyer, a Spur award winner, is the author of the story cycles *Siren Songs from the Heart of Austin* and *Whispers in Dust and Bone*, along with three other books of fiction.

Jan Seale has published two story collections, *Airlift* and *Appearances*; she is the Texas Poet Laureate of 2012 and is the author of nine volumes of poetry, the latest being *The Parkinson Poems*

Kristin vanNamen has published in numerous journals including *Sojourn*, *Storyglossia*, *The Boston Review*, and *Reunion: The Dallas Review*; she is editor of *Carve Magazine*

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