

# The 1989–90 Oldenburg Contest Winners

## Poetry

First Place (tie): Mark Henderson  
*My Grandfather's Last April*

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*Daughter's Odyssey*

Third Place: Lara Johnson  
*Self-Portrait*

## Fiction

First Place: Mark Henderson  
*Descending from the City*

Second Place: Barbara Yates  
*Red Combs and Candy Corn*

Third Place: Mark Garbe  
*Ethereal Things*

## Essay by a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior

First Place: Carmen Lowe  
*The Clear Vowels Rise Like Balloons:  
the poetics of Sylvia Plath*

Second Place: Rebecca Reno  
*Early American Literature: Undercurrents of Unity*

Third Place: Madonna Schlieve  
*The Blood of the Lamb: Dancing in the Dark*

## Essay by a Freshman

First Place: Beth Greinke  
*Franklin and Reagan: Highly Regarded Despite Their Errors*

Second Place: Tammy Barnett  
*Tragic Flaws of Romeo and Juliet*

Third Place: Dan LaPres  
*Transcending Romantics*