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Biographical Notes

William H. Gass

American essayist and novelist William H. Gass was a professor of philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, when he wrote this letter.

In 1979 Gass was named David May Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities at Washington University, from which he is now emeritus. He was also the Director of International Writers Center from 1990 to 2000.

Born July 30, 1924, in Fargo, North Dakota, William Gass is a philosopher by training, particularly the philosophy of language, which is manifest in his writing.

Omensetter's Luck, which was Gass's first novel, was published in 1966 and received widespread critical acclaim. His later novel, The Tunnel (1994) was awarded a PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and American Book Award, both 1996.

As an noted essayist, William Gass's collection, Finding a Form: Essays received the National Book Critics Circle criticism award in 1997 and his Tests of Time: Essays, was awarded both the National Book Critics Circle award for criticism, as well as the PEN/Spielvogel Diamonstein Award for the art of the essay from the PEN American Center in 2003.

Jonathan Carroll

American novelist and educator Jonathan Carroll is author of the "Rondua" trilogy and other supernatural fiction. Carroll has also written screenplays and book reviews, as well as contributing short stories to fantasy and horror anthologies and to such periodicals as Transatlantic Review, Sport, Cimarron Review, Christian Science Monitor, and Four Quarters. Born January 26, 1949, in New York, New York, Carroll has taught English at American International School, Vienna, Austria, since 1974. Carroll was teaching English at the St. Louis Country Day School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1973, when he invited Gass to his class.

Sources:


Scope and Content Note

American essayist and novelist William H. Gass wrote to Jonathan Carroll to accept an invitation to visit Carroll's English class at St. Louis Country Day School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Gass accepted the invitation provided a "mutually satisfatory time" could be arranged. This letter was originally laid in a copy of William H. Gass's novel, *Omensetter's Luck*. 
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