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PRESENTS

Malena Watrous

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Malena Watrous grew up in the Sunset, spent her high school years in Eugene, OR with her family then attended Barnard College in NYC majoring in English. After graduation, and a year of several types of jobs including restaurant critic for *Time Out New York*, she was placed by the Japan Exchange and Teaching program in Shika-Machi, a small, coastal, nuclear power plant town. Her debut novel, *If You Follow Me*, set in Shika, won the Michener-Copernicus Award, and a prize in the Pirate's Alley/Faulkner contest. Malena won a Glimmer Train Fiction Open prize in 2001. (Malena Watrous' [website](#)).

After two years in rural Japan, Malena attended the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop on a Truman Capote Fellowship where she received her MFA and taught. In 2002, she received a Wallace Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University, followed by a Jones Lectureship. She now teaches in Stanford's Online Writer's Workshop.

Her nonfiction has appeared in *Allure*, *Salon.com*, *The Believer*, *GlimmerTrain*, *The Kyoto Journal*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, and *The Massachusetts Review*. Her short stories have been published in such literary journals as *StoryQuarterly*, *TriQuarterly*, and *The Alaska Quarterly Review*. She writes book reviews for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *The New York Times*.

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