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LECTURER OF THE YEAR HANNA PYLVÄINEN

Hanna Pylväinen is the author of *The End of Drum-Time*, a 2023 finalist for the National Book Award for fiction. About her story set in the 1851 world of Sámi reindeer herders, religion, beliefs, faith and love, Anthony Marra, *New York Times* bestselling author says, “Hanna Pylväinen’s novel of cultural collision in the far north is an extraordinary feat of research and imagination...”

Her acclaimed novel *We Sinners* (2012) follows the struggles within a large Finnish family raised in a strictly traditional church as the children choose their individual paths in modern life.

Hanna’s work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Harper’s Magazine*. She has taught writing at Princeton and Virginia Commonwealth University, and is currently a member of the fiction faculty of the Warren Wilson College Low-Residency MFA Program.

She earned a B.A. at Mount Holyoke College and M.F.A. in fiction at the University of Michigan. Hanna has received many awards, fellowships and residences. She lives in Philadelphia.

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