



**National Teacher Awards for Literacy
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*Crown Author Jonathan Kozol
Will Present the Awards at the
2012 National Council of Teachers of English Convention*

New York, NY, August 8th, 2012 – The Random House Foundation, Inc., currently home to the Random House Creative Writing Competition, announces the Random House Teacher Awards. Funded by the Random House Foundation, Inc., the awards will recognize the nation’s most dynamic and resourceful teachers who use their creativity to inspire and successfully instill a love of reading in students. These teachers will be awarded grants to help make their innovative reading programs possible.

Open to full and part-time teachers in public schools across the United States, the awards will be presented by Crown author Jonathan Kozol (*Fire in the Ashes: Twenty-Five Years Among the Poorest Children in America*, August 2012) at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention during the “Mentoring Matters” breakfast to be held November 16th in Las Vegas, Nevada. Awards consist of a \$10,000 first place grant, \$5,000 second place grant and a \$2,500 third place grant award payable to each teacher’s respective school. In addition, book donations will be made to these winners and runners-up.

More information, including the application and program guidelines, may be found at: www.randomhouse.com/teacherawards. Winners will be notified in advance of the annual NCTE meeting. In addition to the grant monies noted above, the first place winner’s conference registration, travel and lodging will be covered. Application submission deadline is Saturday, September 1, 2012.

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