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John Alspaugh
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Dear Mr. Alspaugh,

Your novel, Limbo in Aurora, is one of five finalists for the 2002 Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel. The manuscript has been sent to our final judge, Alan Cheuse, who will make a decision by mid-September.

Being a finalist is, in my view, no small accomplishment. This year we received 455 manuscripts from all over the country. Many of these manuscripts are excellent and deserve publication. That said, Limbo in Aurora is simply outstanding.

I will notify you of Mr. Cheuse's decision as soon as I learn of it. Meanwhile, I would like to thank you for sending such a fine novel our way.

Sincerely,



Brian Griffin
Director
Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel