

## **Penn Stewart Bio**

Penn Stewart is a graduate of the University of New Orleans, holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Memphis, and earned a PhD in English from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. He has taught academic and/or creative writing at all of these institutions, as well as classes and courses at the Hemmingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center, West Central Illinois Arts Center, and Western Illinois University. He received awards for his creative writing and teaching from the University of Memphis and the University of Nebraska, and secured several travel grants that funded research trips and conference presentations in support of *Fertile Ground*. He currently lives with his wife, two daughters, and a chocolate lab named Yoda in Wichita Falls, Texas where he teaches creative writing and contemporary literature at Midwestern State University.

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