

## **O. HENRY PRIZE STORIES: 2017**

The O. Henry Prize Stories for 2017 offer readers an opportunity to experience and to explore aesthetically another's life and place through the artistry of the short story. This collection of stories focuses on human relationships, depicting the complex lives of characters with whom readers will engage with deep insight and feeling. The stories are thought-provoking, intimate, intriguing, diverse, and timely.

This class will be team-taught and will use the paperback text, *The O. Henry Prize Stories of 2017*, edited by Laura Furman. Two or three stories will be read each week; class discussion will be encouraged. We ask that class members read the first two stories in the text before the first class session so we can “jump right in” to our discussion of these prestigious award-winning short stories. The book is available through local book stores—you may need to order a copy. Amazon.com offers new and used copies as well.

**Leaders:** Gerrit and Barbara Bleeker are retired university English professors from the state of Kansas Regents System.

**Tuesdays:** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., 8 weeks: February 27 through April 17

**Location:** Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville