

Press Kit: K. L. Cook Biography

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Short K. L. Cook Biography

K. L. Cook is the author of three award-winning books of fiction: a novel, *The Girl from Charnelle*; and two short story cycles, *Love Songs for the Quarantined* and *Last Call*. His stories and essays have been published widely in literary journals, magazines, and anthologies, including *Glimmer Train*, *One Story*, and *Best of the West: New Stories from the Wide Side of the Missouri*. He lives in Arizona with his wife and children and teaches at Prescott College and in Spalding University’s brief-residency MFA in Writing Program.

Detailed K. L. Cook Biography

K. L. Cook is the author of three award-winning books of fiction. His most recent book, *Love Songs for the Quarantined* (Willow Springs Editions 2011), a collection of thematically linked stories, won the Spokane Prize for Short Fiction. His novel, *The Girl from Charnelle* (William Morrow 2006/Harper Perennial 2007), won the Willa Award for Contemporary Fiction and was named a Southwest Book of the Year and an Editor’s Choice selection from the Historical Novel Society, among other honors. Cook’s first book, *Last Call* (Nebraska 2004), a short story cycle chronicling three decades in the lives of a West Texas family, won the inaugural *Prairie Schooner* Book Prize in Fiction.

His stories and essays have appeared in numerous literary journals and magazines, including *Glimmer Train*, *One Story*, *Poets & Writers*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Threepenny Review*, *The Writer’s Chronicle*, *Brevity*, *The Louisville Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Witness*, *American Short Fiction*, *Arts & Letters*, *Post Road*, *Colorado Review*, *Puerto del Sol*, and *Harvard Review*. His work has also been anthologized in *Best of the West 2011: New Stories from the Wide Side of the Missouri*, *Now Write: Fiction Writing Exercises from Today’s Best Writers and Teachers*, *When I Was a Loser: Essays on (Barely) Surviving High School*, and *Teachable Moments: Essays on Experiential Education*.

Born and raised in Texas, he now lives in Arizona with his wife, writer and director Charissa Menefee, and their four children. He teaches at Prescott College and in Spalding University’s brief-residency MFA in Writing Program.