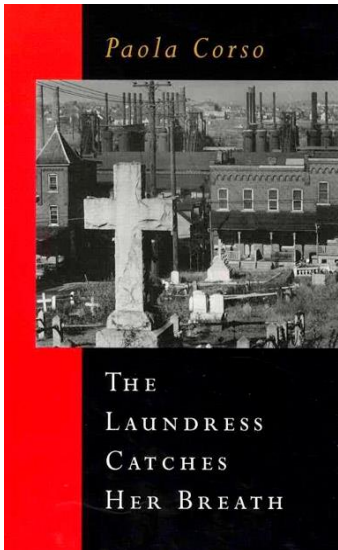


The Laundress Catches Her Breath wins award from Working Class Studies Association

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Congratulations to Paola Corso!
Winner of the Tillie Olsen Award for Creative Writing
for *The Laundress Catches Her Breath*



Judge's comment:

This book is a precisely visionary evocation of working-class Pittsburgh and the struggles of working women. Paola Corso's laundress is a vivid, richly detailed character, hard-working, chain-smoking, grouchy and smart, memorably imperfect and entirely winning. The book is stylistically varied and ingenious. "Hold for Ten Seconds" is a sort of magical realist sequence that involves washing clothes—maybe the first since *100 Years of Solitude*. And the long, astonishing "Heiress to Air" is brilliant, a moving tour de force that William Carlos Williams would certainly have loved.

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