

Texas Writer Wins National Book Award

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The National Book Award for the year was presented to George Sessions Perry of Rockdale, Texas, at a luncheon here Tuesday.

The award was for his novel, *Hold Autumn in Your Hand*, a chronicle of a Texas farmer, and came from the national book sellers. The award was on a basis of a poll of the country's book dealers.

Perry's novel previously had been named the best Texas book of 1941 by the Texas Institute of Letters. It is now in its third edition and shortly will go into a fourth, although booksellers said the sale fell short of the audience it deserved.

After receiving the award Perry left immediately for San Antonio, where he will aid the United States Air Corps with its promotional work.
