

Nickolas Butler

Fiction writer Nickolas Butler will be reading from his own work at 8 pm, Thursday, November 8, in the Governors Room in the Overman Student Center. The event is free, and is sponsored by the Distinguished Visiting Writers Series and the Student Fee Council. A reception will follow.

Nickolas Butler was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, raised in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and educated at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. He is the author of the internationally-bestselling novel *Shotgun Lovesongs*, a collection of short stories, *Beneath the Bonfire*, and *The Hearts of Men* which has already been longlisted for two of France's top literary awards. He is the winner of France's prestigious PAGE Prix America, the 2014 Great Lakes Great Reads Award, the 2014 Midwest Independent Booksellers Award, the 2015 Wisconsin Library Association Literary Award, the 2015 UW-Whitewater Chancellor's Regional Literary Award, and has been long-listed for the 2014 Flaherty Dunnan Award for First Novel and short-listed for France's FNAC Prix. His short stories, poetry, and non-fiction have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Kenyon Review Online*, *The Lumberyard*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Narrative*, *Sixth Finch*, and other publications.