

When James Knowlton, Associate Professor of English at a small Maritimes university, is denied a well-deserved promotion by his surly Dean, he spins a plot for revenge that makes today's election hackers and dirty-tricks operators look like rank amateurs. Retired UPEI professor T. K. Pratt, who chaired both an English department and a search committee for president, knows the outrageous world of university politics from the inside. You will never look at your alma mater in the same way again. Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia judges lavished praise on IN THE HOLLOW LOTOS LAND when they awarded an earlier version the H. R. Percy Prize for an unpublished novel in the 2004 Atlantic Writing Competition: "A beautifully executed piece of satire with all the wit and hilarity of Lucky Jim. The humour is perfect-pitch, laugh-out-loud funny at times." "An engrossing novel in the vein of Richard Russo's Straight Man, well written, expertly managed, and eminently publishable."