



This area's crawling with literary readings and writing courses and big-name novelists—are there any innovative young writers on the scene? New York critics and collectors insist the art world lives there—but are there up-and-coming young artists who've chosen North Carolina? And what about the lives of other creative people—from potters and painters to poets and scientists? What struggles have they faced? What have been the sources of their inspiration? *The Independent* sent a young painter, a young poet and a young fiction writer out to get some answers.

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"The Nuclear Prom Queen," a painting by Raleigh artist David Larson, one of the four artists featured in:

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