

NPR: Interview with [Tom Franklin](#), the author of “Crooked letter, crooked letter”. Author interviews: Search for ‘October 3, 2010’. 7:38 minutes.

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I. True or false? (1 credit each)	true	false
1. According to the interviewer, the novel is about economic despair in the 21 st century.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Crooked letter stands for ‘s’ and is the way children in the South are taught to spell the name Mississippi.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Everybody in the US is familiar with this meaning of “crooked letter”.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II. Complete this sentence. (2 credits)

Larry Ott is called “Scary Larry” and ostracized because.....
 He had been ridiculed even before because.....

III. Tick the one correct answer. (1 credit)

Franklin knows exactly what Larry went through in the drive-in because	a	<input type="checkbox"/>	everybody in his town knew he had experienced the same humiliation.
	b	<input type="checkbox"/>	he had done a similar a similar cover-up when he was a teenager.
	c	<input type="checkbox"/>	this is a common phenomenon shared by many Southerners.

IV. True or false? (1 credit each)	true	false
1. Silas is one of Larry’s friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. When he returns to the village, he is a police constable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Franklin found it challenging to put himself into the shoes of a black person.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

V. Give three reasons (3 credits)

To Franklin, being called a “Southern writer” feels less good every year because

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.