



Regional Book Award Winners

MOUNTAINS & PLAINS INDEPENDENT BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION

The purpose of these annual awards is to honor outstanding books which are set in our region. The Mountains & Plains region includes Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

1990

- Fiction:** **The Testimony of Mr. Bones** by Olive Ghiselin; Teal Press
- Nonfiction:** **Remote Beyond Compare** by John Kessell; University of New Mexico Press
- Poetry:** **What We Have to Live With** by Marilyn Krysl; Teal Press
- Children's:** **Bearstone** by Will Hobbs; Macmillan/Atheneum

1991

- Fiction:** **Mean Spirit** by Linda Hogan; Atheneum
- Nonfiction:** **Photographing Montana, 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron** by Donna M. Lucey; Knopf
- Poetry:** **In Mad Love and War** by Joy Harjo; Wesleyan University Press
- Children's:** **Canyons** by Gary Paulsen; Delacorte Press

1992

- Nonfiction:** **Land Circle: Writings Collected from the Land** by Linda Hasselstrom; Fulcrum Press
- Nonfiction:** **PrairyErth: A Deep Map** by William Least Heat-Moon; Houghton-Mifflin
- Nonfiction:** **Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place** by Terry Tempest Williams; Pantheon
- Nonfiction:** **Songs of the Fluteplayer** by Sharman Apt Russell; Addison-Wesley

Spirit of the West Award: Frank Waters

1993

- Fiction:** **Cowboys Are My Weakness** by Pam Houston; W.W. Norton
- Fiction:** **The Meadow** by James Galvin; Henry Holt
- Fiction:** **All the Pretty Horses** by Cormac McCarthy; Knopf
- Nonfiction:** **Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs** by Wallace Stegner; Random House

Spirit of the West Award: David Lavender

1994

- Fiction:** **Pigs in Heaven** by Barbara Kingsolver; HarperCollins
- Fiction:** **The Death of Bernadette Lefthand** by Ron Querry; Red Crane
- Fiction:** **Montana 1948** by Larry Watson; Milkweed Editions
- Poetry:** **So Far From God** by Ana Castillo; W.W. Norton
- Children's:** **I Am Lavina Cumming** by Susan Lowell; Milkweed Editions

Spirit of the West Award: N. Scott Momaday

1995

- Fiction:** **Stygo** by Laura Hendrie; MacMurray & Beck
- Nonfiction:** **Killing Custer** by James Welch; W.W. Norton
- Poetry:** **Loose Woman** by Sandra Cisneros; Knopf
- Children's:** **Daily Life in a Covered Wagon** by Paul Erickson; Breslich & Foss/Preservation Press

Spirit of the West Award: Tony Hillerman

1996

- Fiction:** **Stone Song** by Win Blevins; Forge/St. Martin's
- Nonfiction:** **The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge** by Joe Starita; Putnam
- Poetry:** **My Town** by David Lee; Copper Canyon
- Children's:** **A Boy Called Slow** by Joseph Bruchac; Putnam

Spirit of the West Award: Vine Deloria, Jr.

1997

- Fiction:** **Sun Dancer** by David London; Simon & Schuster
- Nonfiction:** **Undaunted Courage** by Stephen E. Ambrose; Simon & Schuster
- Poetry:** **Mountains & Rivers Without End** by Gary Snyder; Counterpoint
- Children's:** **Bill Pickett, Rodeo-Ridin' Cowboy** by Brian & Andrea D. Pinkney; Harcourt Brace

Spirit of the West Award: Ivan Doig

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The Spirit of the West Literary Achievement Award, established in 1992, recognizes authors whose books embody the spirit of our region.

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- Fiction:** *The Sky, The Stars, The Wilderness* by Rick Bass; Houghton Mifflin
- Nonfiction:** *Legends of the American Desert* by Alex Shoumatoff; Knopf/Borzoi Books
- Poetry:** *Blue Horses Rush In* by Luci Tapahonso; University of Arizona Press
- Children's:** *The Serpent's Tongue* edited by Nancy Wood; Dutton

Spirit of the West Award: Rudolfo Anaya

1999

- Fiction:** *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus; St. Martin's Press
- Nonfiction:** *Lasso the Wind: Away to the New West* by Timothy Egan; Knopf
- Poetry:** *In Gravity National Park* by C.L. Rawlins; University of Nevada Press
- Children's:** *Boss of the Plains* by Laurie Carlson, illus. by Holly Meade; DK Publishing

Spirit of the West Award: Terry Tempest Williams

2000

- Fiction:** *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf; Knopf
- Nonfiction:** *Where Rivers Change Direction* by Mark Spragg; Univ. of Utah Press
- Nonfiction:** *Fire on the Mountain* by John Maclean; William Morrow
- Children's:** *The Wild Colorado* by Richard Maurer; Crown

Spirit of the West Award: Jim Harrison

2001

- Fiction:** *Winter Range* by Claire Davis; Picador/St. Martin's Press
- Nonfiction:** *The Blood Runs Like a River Through My Dreams* by Nasdijj; Houghton Mifflin
- Art/Poetry:** *Painters in the American West* by Joan Carpenter Troccoli; Denver Art Museum & Yale University Press
- Children's:** *Clarence Goes Out West and Meets a Purple Horse* by Jean Ekman Adams; Rising Moon/Northland

Spirit of the West Award: Ann Haymond Zwinger

2002

- Fiction:** *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* by Brady Udall; W.W. Norton
- Nonfiction:** *A River Running West* by Donald Worster; Oxford
- Art/Poetry:** *Ansel Adams at 100* by John Szarkowski; Little Brown
- Children's Chapter Book:** *Daniel's Walk* by Michael Spooner; Henry Holt
- Children's Picture Book:** *Mountain Men* by Andrew Glass; Doubleday

2003

- Fiction:** *Perma Red* by Debra Magpie Earling; BlueHen/Putnam
- Nonfiction:** *Breaking Clean* by Judy Blunt; Knopf
- The Arts:** *Drawn to Yellowstone: Artists in America's First National Park* by Peter Hassrick; University of Washington Press
- Children's Chapter Book:** *Women Artists of the West: Five Portraits in Creativity and Courage* by Julie Danneberg; Fulcrum Publishing

2004

- Fiction:** *Land That Moves, Land That Stands Still* by Kent Nelson; Viking Press
- Nonfiction:** *Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone* by Gary Ferguson; National Geographic
- The Arts:** *Birds of Prey in the American West* by Tom Vezo and Richard Glinski; Rio Nuevo Publishers
- Children's:** *Enduring Wisdom: Sayings from Native Americans* edited by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, illustrated by Synthia Saint James; Holiday House
- Regional Reference:** *Creation of the Teton Landscape* by David D. Love, John C. Reed, J.D. Love, edited by U S Games Systems, W.T. Pecara; Grand Teton Natural History Association

Spirit of the West Award: Sandra Cisneros



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2005

- Fiction:** **The Work of Wolves** by Kent Meyers; Harcourt
- Nonfiction:** **Little Things in a Big Country: An Artist and Her Dog on the Rocky Mountain Front** by Hannah Hinchman; W.W. Norton & Co.
- Art/Poetry:** **The Pueblo Imagination** by Lee Marmon; Beacon Press
- Children's**
- Chapter Book:** **Searching for Chipeta: The Story of a Ute and Her People** by Vickie Leigh Krudwig; Fulcrum Publishing
- Children's**
- Picture Book:** **Old Coyote** by Nancy Wood, illustrated by Max Grafe; Candlewick Press
- Regional**
- Reference:** **Select Peaks of Greater Yellowstone: A Mountaineering History and Guide** by Thomas Turiano; Indomitus Press
- Spirit of the West Award:** Leslie Marmon Silko

2006

- Fiction:** **A Sudden Country: A Novel** by Karen Fisher; Random House
- Nonfiction:** **109 East Palace: Robert Oppenheimer and the Secret City of Los Alamos** by Jennet Conant; Simon & Schuster
- The Arts:** **William Henry Jackson's "The Pioneer Photographer"** by William Henry Jackson, Howard R. Driggs, Bob Blair (Editor); Museum of New Mexico Press
- Children's**
- Chapter Book:** **Bear Dancer: The Story of a Ute Girl** by Thelma Hatch Wyss; Margaret K. McElderry (Simon & Schuster)
- Spirit of the West Award:** Robert Utley

2007

- Fiction:** **Cottonwood Saints** by Gene Guerin; University of New Mexico Press
- Nonfiction:** **Blood and Thunder** by Hampton Sides; Doubleday
- The Arts:** **Mesa Verde National Park: The First 100 Years** by Rose Houk, Faith Marcovecchio, and Duane A. Smith; Fulcrum/Mesa Verde Museum Association
- Children's**
- Chapter Book:** **The Buffalo and the Indians: A Shared Destiny** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent; photographs by William Muñoz; Clarion/Houghton Mifflin
- Regional**
- Reference:** **Pinedale, Wyoming: A Centennial History 1904-2004** by Ann Chambers Noble; Museum of the Mountain Man/Sublette Country Historical Society
- Spirit of the West Award:** Linda Hogan

2008

- Fiction:** **The God of Animals** by Aryn Kyle; Scribner
- Nonfiction:** **The Day the World Ended at Little Bighorn** by Joseph M. Marshall III; Viking
- The Arts:** **Great Ranches of the West** by Jim Keen; Keen Media
- Children's**
- Chapter Book:** **Wind Rider** by Susan Williams; HarperCollins
- Art/Poetry:** **Adobe Odes** by Pat Mora; University of Arizona Press