

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:
The Arts:** **Breaking Clean** by Judy Blunt; Knopf
**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

2009

- Fiction:** **Another Man's Moccasins, A Walt Longmire Mystery** by Craig Johnson; Penguin
- Nonfiction:** **American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon** by Steven Rinella; Random House
- The Arts:** **Colorado's Wild Horses** by Claude Steelman; Wildshots, Inc.

Regional Reference: **Staking Her Claim: Women Homesteading the West** by Marcia Meredith Hensley; High Plains Press

Children's Chapter Book: **Go Big or Go Home** by Will Hobbs; HarperCollins

Children's Picture Book: **The Illuminated Desert** text by Terry Tempest Williams, illustrations by Chloe Hedden; Canyonlands Natural History Association.