

# Reading the West Book Awards

## Winners - 1990 through 2015

In descending order; formerly known as the Regional Book Awards

### 2015

Adult Fiction: ..... BLACK RIVER: A Novel by S.M. Hulse; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
Adult Nonfiction: ..... LADIES OF THE CANYONS: A League of Extraordinary Women and Their Adventures  
in the American Southwest by Lesley Poling-Kempes; The University of Arizona Press  
Children's: ..... A SERIES OF SMALL MANEUVERS by Eliot Treichel; Ooligan Press at Portland State University

### 2014

Adult Fiction: ..... THE PAINTER: A Novel by Peter Heller; Penguin Random House/Random House-Knopf  
Adult Nonfiction: ..... BADLUCK WAY: A Year on the Ragged Edge of the West by Bryce Andrews; Simon & Schuster/Atria Books  
Children's: ..... DIRT BIKES, DRONES, AND OTHER WAYS TO FLY by Conrad Wesselhoeft; HMH Books for Young Readers

### 2013

Adult Fiction: ..... THE SON by Philipp Meyer; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco  
Adult Nonfiction: ..... THE EMERALD MILE: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History  
through the Heart of the Grand Canyon by Kevin Fedarko; Simon & Schuster/Scribner  
Children's: ..... THE LAST RIDE OF CALEB O'TOOLE by Eric Pierpoint; Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky

### 2012

Adult Fiction: ..... THEFT: A Novel by BK Loren; Counterpoint Press  
Adult Nonfiction: ..... FULL BODY BURDEN: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats by Kristen Iversen;  
Random House/Crown  
Children's: ..... KEPLER'S DREAM by Juliet Bell; Penguin Young Readers Group/Putnam Juvenile  
Spirit of the West Award: ... Kent Haruf

### 2011

Adult Fiction: ..... THE VOICE OF THE RIVER by Melanie Rae Thon; The University of Alabama Press  
Adult Nonfiction: ..... FIRE SEASON: Field Notes from a Wilderness Lookout by Philip Connors; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco  
Children's: ..... MISSING ON SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN by Elise Broach; Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/  
Christy Ottaviano Books, Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)

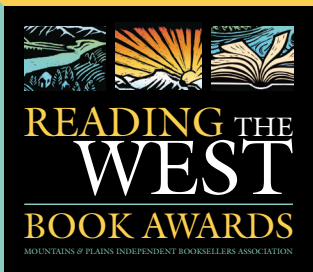
### 2010

Adult Fiction: ..... THE WAKE OF FORGIVENESS by Bruce Machart; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
Children's Chapter Book: ... STARFISH by James Crowley; Disney Book Group

### 2009

Fiction: ..... ANOTHER MAN'S MOCCASINS, A Walt Longmire Mystery by Craig Johnson; Penguin Group  
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.  
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





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 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

### 2007

Fiction: ..... COTTONWOOD SAINTS by Gene Guerin; University of New Mexico Press  
 Nonfiction: ..... BLOOD AND THUNDER by Hampton Sides; Random House/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; photos by William Muñoz; Clarion/Houghton Mifflin  
 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

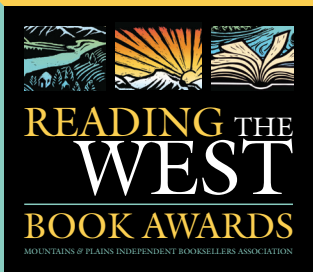
### 2006

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

### 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 & Company  
 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  
 Reference: ..... SELECT PEAKS OF GREATER YELLOWSTONE: A Mountaineering History and Guide by Thomas Turiano; Indomitus Press  
 Spirit of the West Award: ...Leslie Marmon Silko





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 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, and J.D. Love, edited by US Games Systems, W.T. Pecara; Grand Teton Natural History Association  
 Spirit of the West Award: ... Sandra Cisneros

### 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

### 2002

- Fiction: ..... THE MIRACLE LIFE OF EDGAR MINT by Brady Udall; W. W. Norton & Company  
 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

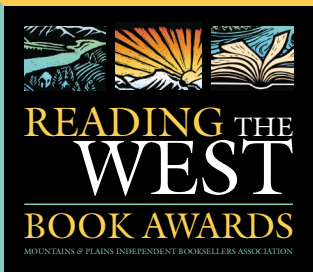
### 2001

- 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

### 2000

- Fiction: ..... PLAINSONG by Kent Haruf; Random House/Knopf  
 Nonfiction: ..... WHERE RIVERS CHANGE DIRECTION by Mark Spragg; University of Utah Press  
 Nonfiction: ..... FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN by John Maclean; William Morrow  
 Children's: ..... THE WILD COLORADO by Richard Maurer; Random House/Crown  
 Spirit of the West Award: ... Jim Harrison





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Nonfiction: ..... LASSO THE WIND: Away to the New West by Timothy Egan; Random House/Knopf  
Poetry: ..... IN GRAVITY NATIONAL PARK by C.L. Rawlins; University of Nevada Press  
Children's: ..... BOSS OF THE PLAINS by Laurie Carlson, illustrated by Holly Meade; DK Publishing  
Spirit of the West Award: ...Terry Tempest Williams

### 1998

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

### 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 Press  
Children's: ..... BILL PICKETT, RODEO-RIDIN' COWBOY by Brian and Andrea D. Pinkney; Harcourt Brace  
Spirit of the West Award: ...Ivan Doig

### 1996

Fiction: ..... STONE SONG by Win Blevins; Forge/St. Martin's Press  
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.

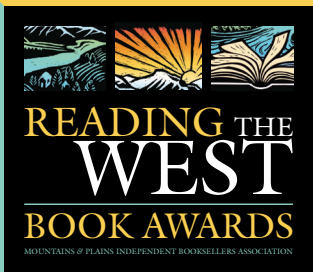
### 1995

Fiction: ..... STYGO by Laura Hendrie; MacMurray & Beck  
Nonfiction: ..... KILLING CUSTER by James Welch; W. W. Norton  
Poetry: ..... LOOSE WOMAN by Sandra Cisneros; Random House/Knopf  
Children's: ..... DAILY LIFE IN A COVERED WAGON by Paul Erickson; Breslich & Foss/Preservation Press  
Spirit of the West Award: ...Tony Hillerman

### 1994

Fiction: ..... PIGS IN HEAVEN by Barbara Kingsolver; HarperCollins Publishers  
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 & Company  
Children's: ..... I AM LAVINA CUMMING by Susan Lowell; Milkweed Editions  
Spirit of the West Award: ...N. Scott Momaday





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Fiction: ..... THE MEADOW by James Galvin; Henry Holt  
Fiction: ..... ALL THE PRETTY HORSES by Cormac McCarthy; Random House/Knopf  
Nonfiction: ..... WHERE THE BLUEBIRD SINGS TO THE LEMONADE SPRINGS by Wallace Stegner; Random House  
Spirit of the West Award: ... David Lavender

### 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

### 1991

- Fiction: ..... MEAN SPIRIT by Linda Hogan; Atheneum  
Nonfiction: ..... PHOTOGRAPHING MONTANA, 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron  
by Donna M. Lucey; Random House/Knopf  
Poetry: ..... IN MAD LOVE AND WAR by Joy Harjo; Wesleyan University Press  
Children's: ..... CANYONS by Gary Paulsen; Delacorte Press

### 1990

- Fiction: ..... THE TESTIMONY OF MR. BONES by Olive Ghiselin; Teal Press  
Nonfiction: ..... REMOTE BEYOND COMPARE by John Kessel; 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

