
READING THE WEST BOOK AWARDS

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2017

FICTION: *The Widow Nash: A Novel* by Jamie Harrison; Counterpoint Press

NONFICTION: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann; Doubleday

CHILDREN'S: *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling; Sterling Children's Books

2016

FICTION: *News of the World: A Novel* by Paulette Jiles; HarperCollins/William Morrow

NONFICTION: *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks* by Terry Tempest Williams; Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Sarah Crichton Books

CHILDREN'S: *Runs with Courage* by Joan M. Wolf; Sleeping Bear Press

2015

FICTION: *Black River: A Novel* by S.M. Hulse; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

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

FICTION: *The Painter: A Novel* by Peter Heller; Penguin Random House/Random House-Knopf

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

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Kent Haruf

FICTION: *The Son* by Philipp Meyer; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco

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

FICTION: *Theft: A Novel* by BK Loren; Counterpoint Press

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

2011

FICTION: *The Voice of the River* by Melanie Rae Thon; The University of Alabama Press

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

FICTION: *The Wake of Forgiveness* by Bruce Machart; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

CHILDREN'S: *Starfish* by James Crowley; Disney Book Group

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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

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*

2007

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Linda Hogan

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

2006

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Robert Utley

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

2005

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Leslie Marmon Silko

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

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SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Sandra Cisneros

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, and J.D. Love, edited by U.S. Games Systems, W.T. Pecara; *Grand Teton Natural History Association*

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

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Ann Haymond Zwinger

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*

2000

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Jim Harrison

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*

1999

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Terry Tempest Williams

FICTION: *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus; *St. Martin's Press*

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*

1998

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Rudolfo Anaya

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*

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SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Ivan Doig

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*

1996

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Vine Deloria, Jr.

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*

1995

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Tony Hillerman

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*

1994

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: N. Scott Momaday

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*

1993

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: David Lavender

FICTION: *Cowboys Are My Weakness* by Pam Houston; *W. W. Norton & Company*

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*

1992

SPIRIT OF THE WEST AWARD: Frank Waters

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*

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 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*