



# Previous Award Winners and Special Recognition

## Children/Young Adult

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- 1990 • **Helen Roney Sattler** • *Tyrannosaurus Rex and Its Kin*
- 1991 • **Stan Hoig** • *A Capital for the Nation*
- 1992 • **Jess** and **Bonnie Speer** • *Hillback to Boggy*
- 1993 • **Anna Myers** • *Red Dirt Jessie*
- 1994 • **Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith** • *Cherokee Summer*
- 1995 • **Russell G. Davis** and **Brent Ashabranner** • *The Choctaw Code*
- 1996 • **Anna Myers** • *Graveyard Girl*
- 1997 • **Barbara Snow Gilbert** • *Stone Water*
- 1998 • **S. L. Rottman** • *Hero*
- 1999 • **Barbara Snow Gilbert** • *Broken Chords*
- 2000 • **Harold Keith** • *Brief Garland: Ponytails, Basketball, and Nothing But Net*
- 2001 • **Joyce Carol Thomas** • *Hush Songs*
- 2002 • **Molly Levite Griffis** • *The Rachel Resistance*
- 2003 • **Darleen Bailey Beard** • *The Babbs Switch Story*
- 2004 • **Children—Una Belle Townsend** • *Grady's in the Silo* \* **Young Adult—Sharon Darrow** • *The Painters of Lexieville*
- 2005 • **Children—Joyce Carol Thomas** • *The Gospel Cinderella* \* **Young Adult—Molly Levite Griffis** • *Simon Says*
- 2006 • **Anna Myers** • *Assassin*
- 2007 • **Children—Tim Tingle** • *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom* \* **Young Adult—Tim Tharp** • *Knights of the Hill Country*
- 2008 • **Children—Devin Scillian** • *Pappy's Handkerchief* \* **Young Adult—P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast** • *Marked: A House of Night Novel*
- 2009 • **Anna Myers** • *Spy*
- 2010 • **Children—Tammi Sauer** • *Chicken Dance* \* **Young Adult—George Edward Stanley** • *Night Fires*
- 2011 • **Children—Tammi Sauer** • *Mostly Monsterly* \* **Young Adult—M.J.**

- Alexander** • *Portrait of a Generation—The Children of Oklahoma*
- 2012 • **Children—Glenda Galvan** • *Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit* \* **Young Adult—Sonia Gensler** • *The Revenant*
- 2013 • **Children—Frank Keating** • *George: George Washington Our Founding Father* \* **Young Adult—M. Scott Carter** • *The Immortal Von B.*
- 2014 • **Children—Tammi Sauer** • *Nugget & Fang* \* **Young Adult—Tim Tharp** • *MOJO*
- 2015 • **Children—Greg Rodgers** • *Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache: A Trickster Tale* \* **Young Adult—Roy Deering** • *Finders Keepers*
- 2016 • **Children—Cynthia Liu** • *Bike on, Bear!* \* **Young Adult—Alton Carter** • *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*
- 2017 • **Children—Jane McKellips** • *Dust Storm* \* **Young Adult—Lutricia Clifton** • *Seeking Cassandra*

## Design/Illustration/Photography

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- 1990 • **David E. Hunt** • *The Lithographs of Charles Banks Wilson*
- 1991 • **Carol Haralson** • *Cleora's Kitchens*
- 1992 • **Joe Williams** • *Woolaroc*
- 1993 • **Design—Carol Haralson** • *Will Rogers: Courtship and Correspondence* \* **Illustration—Kandy Radzinski** • *The Twelve Cats of Christmas*
- 1994 • **Deloss McGraw** • *Fish Story*
- 1995 • **Mike Wimmer** • *All the Places to Love*
- 1996 • **Kim Doner** • *Green Snake Ceremony*
- 1997 • **Carol Haralson** and **Harvey Payne** • *Big Bluestem: A Journey into the Tall Grass*
- 1998 • **Carol Haralson** • *Visions and Voices: Native American Painting from the Philbrook Museum of Art*
- 1999 • **David Fitzgerald** • *Bison: Monarch of the Plains*
- 2000 • **Carol Haralson** • *Glory Days of Summer: The History of Baseball in Oklahoma*
- 2001 • **Lane Smith** • *The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip*

- 2002 • **Carl Brune** • *Woven Worlds: Basketry from the Clark Field Collection*
- 2003 • **Murv Jacob** • *The Great Ball Game of the Birds and Animals*
- 2004 • **Design—Scott Horton and Jim Argo** • *Family Album: A Centennial Pictorial of the Oklahoma Publishing Company* \* **Illustration—Kandy Radzinski** • *S is for Sooner*
- 2005 • **Carol Haralson** • *A History of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion*
- 2006 • **Design—Carol Haralson** • *Home: Native People in the Southwest* \* **Illustration—Jon Goodell** • *Mother, Mother, I Want Another*
- 2007 • **Design—Carl Brune** • *OKC: Second Time Around* \* **Illustration—Jeanne Rorex Bridges** • *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom*
- 2008 • **Design—Carl Brune**, Photography—**Scott Raffe** • *Oklahoma: A Portrait of America* \* **Illustration—Kandy Radzinski** • *What Cats Want for Christmas*
- 2009 • **Design—Eric H. Anderson and Karen Hayes-Thumann**, Photography—**Todd Stewart** • *Placing Memory: A Photographic Exploration of Japanese American Internment* \* **Illustration—Kandy Radzinski** • *What Dogs Want for Christmas*
- 2010 • **Design—Carol Haralson** • *Willard Stone* \* **Illustration—Kandy Radzinski** • *Where to Sleep*
- 2011 • **Carol Haralson** • *Building One Fire*
- 2012 • **Design—Eric Anderson** • *The Eugene B. Adkins Collection* \* **Illustration—photography by Sanford Mauldin**, design by **Skip McKinstry** • *Ilimpa'chi' (Let's Eat!): A Chickasaw Cookbook*
- 2013 • **Design—Carol Haralson**, with cover by **Tony Roberts** • *The James T. Bialac Native American Art Collection* \* **Illustration—Mike Wimmer** • *George: George Washington Our Founding Father*
- 2014 • **Design—Jenny Chan and Lisa Yelon**, with photography by **Alan Karchmer** and **Joe C. Aker** • *Devon* \* **Illustration—Jeannie Barbour** • *Chikasha Stories Volume Three: Shared Wisdom*
- 2015 • **Design—book design by Julie Rushing** and jacket design by **Anthony Roberts** • *A Legacy in Arms* \* **Illustration—Hannah E. Harrison** • *Extraordinary Jane*
- 2016 • **Design—Laura Hyde** • *Making Friends Was My Business* \* **Photography—Sanford Mauldin**, book and cover design by **Corey Feters** • *Ilittibaaimpa': Let's Eat Together! A Chickasaw Cookbook*
- 2017 • **Design—Douglas Miller** • *4th and Boston: Heart of the Magic Empire* \* **Illustration—Terry Widener** • *My Name is James Madison Hemings*

## Fiction

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- 1990 • **Robert Love Taylor** • *The Lost Sister*
- 1991 • **Linda Hogan** • *Mean Spirit*
- 1992 • **Robert L. Duncan** • *The Serpent's Mark*
- 1993 • **Rilla Askew** • *Strange Business*
- 1994 • **Eve Sandstrom** • *Down Home Heifer Heist*
- 1995 • **William Bernhardt** • *Perfect Justice*
- 1996 • **Billie Letts** • *Where the Heart Is*
- 1997 • **Stewart O'Nan** • *The Names of the Dead*
- 1998 • **Rilla Askew** • *The Mercy Seat*
- 1999 • **Billie Letts** • *The Honk and Holler Opening Soon*
- 2000 • **William Bernhardt** • *Dark Justice*
- 2001 • **Carolyn Hart** • *Sugarplum Dead*
- 2002 • **Douglas Kelley** • *The Captain's Wife*
- 2003 • **Diane Glancy** • *The Mask Maker: A Novel*
- 2004 • **M.K. Preston** • *Song of the Bones*
- 2005 • **Will Thomas** • *Some Danger Involved*
- 2006 • **David Kent** • *The Black Jack Conspiracy*
- 2007 • **Sheldon Russell** • *Dreams to Dust: A Tale of the Oklahoma Land Rush*
- 2008 • **Rilla Askew** • *Harp song*
- 2009 • **Carolyn Wall** • *Sweeping Up Glass*
- 2010 • **Kirk Bjornsgaard** • *Confessions of a Former Rock Star*
- 2011 • **David Gerard** • *God's Acre*
- 2012 • **Constance Squires** • *Along the Watchtower*
- 2013 • **Linda McDonald** • *Crimes of Redemption*
- 2014 • **Jack Shakely** • *Che Guevara's Marijuana and Baseball Savings and Loan*
- 2015 • **Will Thomas** • *Fatal Enquiry*
- 2016 • **Lou Berney** • *The Long and Faraway Gone*
- 2017 • **Luana Ehrlich** • *Three Weeks in Washington*

## Non-Fiction

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- 1990 • **Leonard Leff** • *Hitchcock & Selznick*
- 1991 • **Carl Albert** and **Danney Goble** • *Little Giant*

- 1992 • **David Morgan, Robert England, and George Humphreys** • *Oklahoma Politics & Policies: Governing the Sooner State*
- 1993 • **Henry Bellmon and Pat Bellmon** • *The Life and Times of Henry Bellmon*; and **Daniel Boorstin** • *The Creators*
- 1994 • **J. Brent Clark** • *3rd Down and Forever*
- 1995 • **Dennis McAuliffe Jr.** • *The Deaths of Sybil Bolton*
- 1996 • **William Paul Winchester** • *A Very Small Farm*
- 1997 • **Annick Smith** • *Big Bluestem: A Journey Into the Tall Grass*
- 1998 • **John Hope Franklin and John Whittington Franklin**, Editors • *My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*
- 1999 • **Bob Burke** • *From Oklahoma to Eternity: The Life of Wiley Post and the Winnie Mae*
- 2000 • **Michael Wallis** • *The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West*
- 2001 • **David LaVere** • *Contrary Neighbors: Southern Plains and Removed Indians in Indian Territory*
- 2002 • **Lydia L. Wyckoff**, Editor • *Woven Worlds: Basketry from the Clark Field Collection*
- 2003 • **Michael A. Mares** • *A Desert Calling: Life in a Forbidding Landscape*
- 2004 • **Eric R. Pianka and Laurie J. Vitt** • *Lizards: Windows to the Evolution of Diversity*
- 2005 • **Ed Cray** • *Ramblin' Man: The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie*
- 2006 • **Timothy Egan** • *The Worst Hard Time*
- 2007 • **Charles Robert Goins and Danney Goble** • *Historical Atlas of Oklahoma, Fourth Edition*
- 2008 • **Nancy Isenberg** • *Fallen Founder: The Life of Aaron Burr*
- 2009 • **Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith** • *Full Court Quest: The Girls from Shaw Indian School, Basketball Champions of the World*
- 2010 • **Randy Ramer, Carole Klein, Kimberly Roblin, Eric Singleton, Anne Morand, Gary Moore, and April Miller** • *Thomas Gilcrease*
- 2011 • **S. C. Gwynne** • *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*
- 2012 • **Daniel Blake Smith** • *An American Betrayal: Cherokee Patriots and the Trail of Tears*
- 2013 • **W.K. Stratton** • *Floyd Patterson: The Fighting Life of Boxing's Invisible Champion*
- 2014 • **Mary Jane Warde** • *When the Wolf Came: The Civil War and the Indian Territory*
- 2015 • **Cheryl Elizabeth Brown Wattley** • *A Step Toward Brown v. Board of Education: Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher and Her Fight to End Segregation*
- 2016 • **Holly Bailey** • *The Mercy of the Sky*
- 2017 • **Rusty Williams** • *The Red River Bridge War: A Texas-Oklahoma Border Battle*

## Poetry

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- 1990 • **William Kistler** • *The Elizabeth Sequence*
- 1992 • **Carol Hamilton** • *Once the Dust*
- 1993 • **Jim Barnes** • *The Sawdust War*
- 1994 • **Carter Revard** • *An Eagle Nation*
- 1995 • **Joy Harjo** • *The Woman Who Fell from the Sky*
- 1996 • **Francine Ringold** • *The Trouble with Voices*
- 1997 • **Renata Treitel**, translation of Rosita Copioli's *The Blazing Lights of the Sun*
- 1998 • **Betty Shipley** • *Somebody Say Amen*
- 1999 • **Mark Cox** • *Thirty-Seven Years from the Stone*
- 2000 • **N. Scott Momaday** • *In the Bear's House*
- 2001 • **Carolyn Wright** • *Seasons of Mangoes and Brainfire*
- 2002 • **Ivy Dempsey** • *The Scent of Water: New and Selected Poems*
- 2003 • **Joy Harjo** • *How We Became Human: New and Selected Poems*
- 2004 • **Laura Apol** • *Crossing the Ladder of Sun*
- 2005 • **Francine Ringold** • *Still Dancing*
- 2006 • **Leanne Howe** • *Evidence of Red*
- 2007 • **Carl Sennhenn** • *Travels Through Enchanted Woods*
- 2008 • **Sandra Soli** • *What Trees Know*
- 2009 • **Nathan Brown** • *Two Tables Over*
- 2010 • **Jeanetta Calhoun Mish** • *Work is Love Made Visible: Poetry and Family Photographs*
- 2011 • **Benjamin Myers** • *Elegy for Trains*
- 2012 • **Joe Dale Tate Nevaquaya** • *Leaving Holes & Selected New Writings*
- 2013 • **Carl Sennhenn** • *Nocturnes and Sometimes, Even I*
- 2014 • **Yvonne Carpenter, Nancy Goodwin, Catherine McCraw, Clynell Reinschmiedt, and Carol Waters** • *Red Dirt Roads*

- 2015 • **Jessica Isaacs** • *Deep August*  
 2016 • **Loren Graham** • *Places I Was Dreaming*  
 2017 • **Sly Alley** • *Strong Medicine*

## Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award

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- 1990 • **Daniel Boorstin**—Librarian of Congress Emeritus—Tulsa  
 1991 • **Tony Hillerman**—award winning mystery writer—native of Sacred Heart  
 1992 • **Savoie Lottinville**—Director of the University of Oklahoma Press for 30 years  
 1993 • **Harold Keith**—Newbery Award winning children's author—Norman  
 1994 • **N. Scott Momaday**—Pulitzer Prize winning Kiowa author—native of Lawton  
 1995 • **R.A. Lafferty**—Hugo Award winning author—Tulsa  
 1996 • **John Hope Franklin**—historian—native of Rentiesville  
 1997 • **S.E. Hinton**—author of young adult novels—Tulsa  
 1998 • **Jack Bickham**—novelist, teacher, and journalist—Norman  
 1999 • **Michael Wallis**—historian and biographer—Tulsa  
 2000 • **Bill Wallace**—writer of novels for young people—Chickasha  
 2001 • **Joyce Carol Thomas**—children and adult fiction author, and playwright—native of Ponca City  
 2002 • **World Literature Today**—The University of Oklahoma, Norman  
 2003 • **Joy Harjo**—poet and member of the Muscogee Nation—native of Tulsa  
 2004 • **Carolyn Hart**—award winning mystery writer—Oklahoma City  
 2005 • **C.J. Cherryh**—Hugo Award winning author—Oklahoma City  
 2006 • **Bob Burke**—Oklahoma historian—Oklahoma City  
 2007 • **Clifton Taulbert**—award-winning author—Tulsa  
 2008 • **David Dary**—award-winning author—Norman  
 2009 • **Robert J. Conley**—Cherokee author—native of Cushing

- 2010 • **David G. Fitzgerald**—award-winning photographer—Oklahoma City  
 2011 • **Rilla Askew**—novelist—native of Sans Bois Mountains  
 2012 • **Anna Myers**—author of young adult novels—Chandler  
 2013 • **Billie Letts**—novelist—Tulsa  
 2014 • **Alvin O. Turner**—educator, historian, author, and poet—Norman  
 2015 • **Rennard Strickland**—author, historian, and legal scholar—Norman  
 2016 • **Diane Glancy**—poet, author, and playwright—Tulsa  
 2017 • **Dr. George Henderson**—educator and author—Norman

## Ralph Ellison Award

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- 1995 • **Ralph Ellison**—National Book Award winner—Oklahoma City  
 1997 • **Angie Debo**—“First Lady of Oklahoma History”—Marshall  
 1999 • **Melvin Tolson**—poet, journalist, and dramatist—Langston  
 2000 • **Jim Thompson**—novelist and screenwriter—Anadarko  
 2002 • **John Berryman**—poet, biographer, and editor—McAlester  
 2004 • **Lynn Riggs**—playwright and screenwriter—Claremore  
 2005 • **Woody Guthrie**—author, illustrator, and songwriter—Okemah  
 2006 • **John Joseph Mathews**—Osage novelist and historian—Pawhuska  
 2007 • **Muriel Wright**—acclaimed Oklahoma historian—Oklahoma City  
 2008 • **Danney Glenn Goble**—acclaimed Oklahoma historian—Tulsa  
 2010 • **Stan Hoig**—author, journalist, and historian—Edmond  
 2013 • **Alexander Lawrence Posey**, poet, journalist, and essayist—Eufaula  
 2016 • **Dr. H. Wayne Morgan**, author and historian—Norman  
 2017 • **Ralph Marsh**, newspaperman, award-winning magazine writer, and author—Okemah

## Glenda Carlile Distinguished Service Award

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- 1999 • **Daniel Boorstin**—Librarian of Congress Emeritus \* **John Y. Cole**—Director, Center of the Book in the Library of Congress since 1977 \* **Robert L. Clark**—Director, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 1976–2000 \* **Lee Brawner**—Director of the Metropolitan Library System, 1972–1999
- 2000 • **Ken Jackson**—*Tulsa World* editor and columnist—Oklahoma Center for the Book Board Member, 1988–2000
- 2001 • **Julie Hovis** and **Kathy Kinasewitz**—owners of Best of Books, booksellers for the Oklahoma Book Awards
- 2002 • **Dan Blanchard**—a founding member of the Oklahoma Center for the Book and Master of Ceremonies for the book award ceremony for eleven years
- 2005 • **Fran Ringold**—Oklahoma poet laureate and the founder and editor for over forty years of the international literary journal *Nimrod*
- 2006 • **Oklahoma Today**—for fifty years of publication
- 2007 • **Bill Young**—Public Information Manager, Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- 2008 • **Bob Burke**—author, and supporter of the Oklahoma Center for the Book \* **B.J. Williams**—producer and host of *Read About It*, and Past President of the Oklahoma Center for the Book
- 2009 • **Glenda Carlile**—20 years of service to the Center as volunteer, board member, president, and executive director
- 2010 • **Teresa Miller**—founder of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers, and producer and host of *Writing Out Loud*.
- 2011 • **Kitty Pittman**—Friends of the Center board member and creator of Oklahoma Authors database
- 2012 • **FOLIO/Oklahoma Literary Landmarks**—honoring Oklahoma's writers and poets through historic landmark designations
- 2013 • **Fred Marvel**, photographer for the Oklahoma Book Awards \* **Dorothy Alexander**,

owner Village Books Press, promoting Oklahoma poets

- 2014 • **Lynn McIntosh**, Executive Director of Chickasaw Regional (Public) Library System and Past President of the Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book
- 2015 • **Laurie Williams**, attorney, and supporter of the Oklahoma Center for the Book
- 2016 • **Gini Moore Campbell**, Past President and supporter of the Oklahoma Center for the Book
- 2017 • **Anne Masters**, past Director of Pioneer Library System and supporter of the Oklahoma Center for the Book

## Directors Awards

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Presented by the Awards Committee for works of special merit

- 2004 • **Doris Eaton Travis**, *The Days We Danced: The Story of My Theatrical Family*
- 2005 • **B. Byron Price**, *Fine Art of the West* **Deborah Duvall** and **Murv Jacob**, The Series of Grandmother Stories
- 2006 • **Patricia Loughlin**, *Hidden Treasures of the American West*
- 2011 • Editors **Dianna Everett**, **Jon May**, **Larry O'Dell**, and **Linda Wilson**, *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*

## Past Presidents

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- Arrell Gibson**, namesake of the Center's lifetime achievement award, Norman—1986–1988
- Dan Blanchard**, Oklahoma City—1988–1990
- Judy Moody**, Tulsa—1990–1992
- David Clark**, Norman—1992–1993
- Glenda Carlile**, Oklahoma City—1994–1995
- Laurie Sundborg**, Tulsa—1996–1997
- Liz Coddling**, Oklahoma City—1998–2000
- B.J. Williams**, Oklahoma City—2001–2004
- M.J. VanDeventer**, Oklahoma City—2005–2007
- Lynn McIntosh**, Ardmore—2008–2010
- Gini Moore Campbell**, Okla. City—2011–2015

## Past Executive Directors

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- Jan Blakely**—1986–1988
- Aarone Corwin**—1988–1990
- Ann Hamilton**—1991–1996
- Glenda Carlile**—1996–2009