Previous Award Winners and Special Recognition

Children/Young Adult

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 • Chukki 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
2018 Children/Young Adult Patricia Loughlin • Angie Debo: Daughter of the Prairie

Design/Illustration/Photography

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
2009  
Murv Jacob • The Great Ball Game of the Birds and Animals

2008  
Design Scott Horton and Jim Argo • Family Album: A Centennial Pictorial of the Oklahoma Publishing Company  ※ Illustration Kandy Radzinski • S is for Sooner

2007  
Design Carl Brune • OKC: Second Time Around  ※ Illustration Jeanne Rorex Bridges • Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom

2006  
Design Carol Haralson • Home: Native People in the Southwest  ※ Illustration Jon Goodell • Mother, Mother, I Want Another

2005  
Carol Haralson • A History of the Oklahoma Governor’s Mansion

2004  
Design Scott Horton and Jim Argo • Family Album: A Centennial Pictorial of the Oklahoma Publishing Company  ※ Illustration Kandy Radzinski

2003  
Murv Jacob • The Great Ball Game of the Birds and Animals

2017  
Design Douglas Miller • 4th and Boston: Heart of the Magic Empire  ※ Illustration Terry Widener • My Name is James Madison Hemings

2018  
Design Laura Hyde • The Robson Ranch: Hard Work and Family Ties  ※ Illustration Janet Skates • Marmie: A Mouse on Main Street

Fiction

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 • Harpsong

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

2018  
Sheldon Russell • The Bridge Troll Murders

Non-Fiction

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
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
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
2018 David Grann • Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

Poetry
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 Carolyne 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*
2018  **Ron Wallace** • *Renegade (and Other Poems)*

**Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award**

1990  **Daniel Boorstin**—Librarian of Congress Emeritus—Tulsa
1991  **Tony Hillerman**—award winning mystery writer—native of Sacred Heart
1992  **Savoye 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 Taubert**—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
2018  **Tim Tingle**—author, storyteller, and performer—member Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Ralph Ellison Award**

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


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

2018  **Ken Hada**, founder and director of Scissortail Creative Writing Festival

**Directors Awards**

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*

2018  **Gaye Sanders** • *The Survivor Tree*

**Past Presidents**

**Arrell Gibson**, namesake of the Center’s lifetime achievement award, Norman  1986–1988

**Dan Blanchard**, Oklahoma City  1988–1990

**Judy Moody**, Tulsa  1990–1992


**Glenda Carlile**, Oklahoma City  1994–1995

**Laurie Sundborg**, Tulsa  1996–1997

**Liz Codding**, Oklahoma City  1998–2000

**B.J. Williams**, Oklahoma City  2001–2004

**M.J. VanDeventer**, Oklahoma City  2005–2007

**Lynn McIntosh**, Ardmore  2008–2010


**Past Executive Directors**

**Jan Blakely**  1986–1988

**Aarone Corwin**  1988–1990

**Ann Hamilton**  1991–1996

**Glenda Carlile**  1996–2009