



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** • *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*
- 2018 **Children/Young Adult Patricia Loughlin** • *Angie Debo: Daughter of the Prairie*
- 2019 **Children Hannah E. Harrison** • *Friends Stick Together* * **Young Adult Brad McLelland and Louis Sylvesterr** • *Legends of the Lost Causes*
- 2020 **Children Hannah E. Harrison** • *Bear Is Awake!* * **Young Adult Kate Hannigan** • *CAPE*

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*
- 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 by **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 by **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**, 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 Fetters** • *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*
- 2018 **Design Laura Hyde** • *The Robson Ranch: Hard Work and Family Ties* * **Illustration Janet Skates** • *Marmie: A Mouse on Main Street*
- 2019 **Design** book design by **Christopher Lee**, cover design by **Steven Walker**, cover photography by **Joel Sartore**, and illustrations by **J.J. Ritchey** • *Love Can Be* * **Illustration Hannah E. Harrison** • *Friends Stick Together*
- 2020 **Design** book design by **Gentry Fisher**, cover design by **Corey Fetters** • *Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory* * **Illustration Hannah E. Harrison** • *Bear Is Awake!*

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** • *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*
- 2018 **Sheldon Russell** • *The Bridge Troll Murders*
- 2019 **Lou Berney** • *November Road*
- 2020 **Mary Anna Evans** • *Catacombs*
- 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 Wattlely** • *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*

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*
- 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*

- 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*
 2019 **Robert L. Dorman** • *Alfalfa Bill: A Life in Politics*
 2020 **Randy Krehbiel** • *Tulsa 1921: Reporting a Massacre*

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)*
 2019 **Laura Apol** • *Nothing but the Blood*
 2020 **Joy Harjo** • *An American Sunrise*

Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award

- 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
- 2018 **Tim Tingle**—author, storyteller, and performer—member Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 2019 **William Bernhardt**—author—Choctaw

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

- 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
- 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
- David Clark**, Norman 1992–1993
- 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
- Gini Moore Campbell**, Okla. City 2011–2015

Past Executive Directors

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