



# Previous Award Winners and Special Recognition

## 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*

## 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** • *Harpson*  
 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*

## 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*

## 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**—**Cynthea Liu** • *Bike on, Bear!* \* **Young Adult**—**Alton Carter** • *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*

## 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**—book design by **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*

## Arrell 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

## 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

## 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

## 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