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 Ashabraner • 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
ьте 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
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 Sylvester • Legends of the Lost Causes
2020 Children Hannah E. Harrison • Bear Is Awake! • Young Adult Kate Hannigan • CAPE
2021 Children Barbara Lowell • My Mastodon • Young Adult Kim Ventrella • The Secret Life of Sam

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


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!

2021 Design Tony Roberts • Renegades: Bruce Goff and the American School of Architecture

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 • Sugarpam 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

2019 Lou Berney • November Road

2020 Mary Anna Evans • Catacombs

2021 Aaron Gwyn • All God’s Children
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
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 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
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 • Alalfa Bill: A Life in Politics
2020  Randy Krehbiel • Tulsa 1921: Reporting a Massacre
2021  David W. Levy • Breaking Down Barriers: George McLaurin and the Struggle to End Segregated Education

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
2021 Linda Hogan • A History of Kindness

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—award-winning author—Choctaw
2020 No awards program due to COVID-19 epidemic.
2021 Hannibal B. Johnson—author and historian—Tulsa

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

Lynn McIntosh Award for Excellence

Formerly the Directors Award, presented by the Awards Committee for works of special merit
Glenda Carlile Distinguished Service Award

1999 Daniel Boorstin—Librarian of Congress Emeritus
   ※ 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.

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, Oklahoma City 2011–2015

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Jan Blakely 1986–1988
Aarone Corwin 1988–1990
Glenda Carlile 1996–2009