

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 米 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 Sylvesterr 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
- 2022 Children Mariana Llanos Run, Little Chaski!
 An Inka Trail Adventure * Young Adult Dan
 SaSuWeh Jones Living Ghosts & Mischievous
 Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories

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
- **Mike Wimmer •** All the Places to Love
- **Kim Doner •** *Green Snake Ceremony*
- **Carol Haralson** and **Harvey Payne** *Big Bluestem: A Journey into the Tall Grass*
- **Carol Haralson •** Visions and Voices: Native American Painting from the Philbrook Museum of Art
- **David Fitzgerald •** Bison: Monarch of the Plains
- **Carol Haralson** Glory Days of Summer: The History of Baseball in Oklahoma
- 2001 Lane Smith The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip
- **Carl Brune •** Woven Worlds: Basketry from the Clark Field Collection
- **Murv Jacob** The Great Ball Game of the Birds and Animals
- **Design Scott Horton** and **Jim Argo** Family Album: A Centennial Pictorial of the Oklahoma Publishing Company * Illustration Kandy Radzinski S is for Sooner
- **Carol Haralson •** A History of the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion
- **Design Carol Haralson** Home: Native People in the Southwest * Illustration Jon Goodell Mother, Mother, I Want Another
- **Design Carl Brune •** OKC: Second Time Around ** **Illustration Jeanne Rorex Bridges •** Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom
- **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
- **Design Carol Haralson** Willard Stone ** **Illustration Kandy Radzinski** Where to Sleep
- **Carol Haralson** Building One Fire

- **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
- **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
- **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
- **Design Douglas Miller •** 4th and Boston: Heart of the Magic Empire * Illustration Terry **Widener •** My Name is James Madison Hemings
- **Design Laura Hyde •** The Robson Ranch: Hard Work and Family Ties * Illustration Janet **Skates •** Marmie: A Mouse on Main Street
- **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
- **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!
- **Design Tony Roberts •** Renegades: Bruce Goff and the American School of Architecture
- **Design Eric Singleton** and **Julie Allred** Recovering Ancient Spiro: Native American Art, Ritual, and Cosmic Renewal * Illustration **Joshua (Lokosh) Hinson** Funny Fani'

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
- 2019 Lou Berney · November Road
- 2020 Mary Anna Evans · Catacombs
- 2021 Aaron Gwyn All God's Children
- 2022 Mary Coley · Blood on the Mother Road

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
- 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

- **Mary Jane Warde** When the Wolf Came: The Civil War and the Indian Territory
- **Cheryl Elizabeth Brown Wattley •** A Step Toward Brown v. Board of Education: Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher and Her Fight to End Segregation
- **Holly Bailey** The Mercy of the Sky
- **Rusty Williams** The Red River Bridge War: A Texas-Oklahoma Border Battle
- **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
- **Randy Krehbiel** Tulsa 1921: Reporting a Massacre
- **David W. Levy** Breaking Down Barriers: George McLaurin and the Struggle to End Segregated Education
- **Michael J. Hightower -** At War with Corruption: A Biography of Bill Price, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma

Poetry

- 1990 William Kistler The Elizabeth Sequence
- **Carol Hamilton** Once the Dust
- **Jim Barnes** The Sawdust War
- 1994 Carter Revard An Eagle Nation
- **Joy Harjo** The Woman Who Fell from the Sky
- **Francine Ringold** The Trouble with Voices
- **Renata Treitel** translation of Rosita Copioli's The Blazing Lights of the Sun
- **Betty Shipley** Somebody Say Amen
- **Mark Cox •** Thirty-Seven Years from the Stone
- **N. Scott Momaday** *In the Bear's House*
- **Carolyne Wright** Seasons of Mangoes and Brainfire
- **Ivy Dempsey •** The Scent of Water: New and Selected Poems
- **Joy Harjo ·** How We Became Human: New and Selected Poems
- **Laura Apol** Crossing the Ladder of Sun
- 2005 Francine Ringold Still Dancing
- **Leanne Howe •** Evidence of Red
- **Carl Sennhenn •** Travels Through Enchanted Woods
- 2008 Sandra Soli What Trees Know
- 2009 Nathan Brown Two Tables Over

- **Jeanetta Calhoun Mish** Work is Love Made Visible: Poetry and Family Photographs
- **Benjamin Myers** Elegy for Trains
- **Joe Dale Tate Nevaquaya** Leaving Holes & Selected New Writings
- **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
- **Loren Graham** Places I Was Dreaming
- **Sly Alley •** Strong Medicine
- **Ron Wallace** Renegade (and Other Poems)
- **Laura Apol** Nothing but the Blood
- 2020 Joy Harjo · An American Sunrise
- **Linda Hogan** A History of Kindness
- **Ken Hada ·** Contour Feathers

Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Daniel Boorstin**—Librarian of Congress Emeritus—Tulsa
- **Tony Hillerman**—award-winning mystery writer—native of Sacred Heart
- **Savoie Lottinville**—Director of the University of Oklahoma Press for 30 years
- **Harold Keith**—Newbery Award winning children's author—Norman
- **N. Scott Momaday**—Pulitzer Prize winning Kiowa author—native of Lawton
- **R.A. Lafferty**—Hugo Award winning author— Tulsa
- **John Hope Franklin**—historian—native of Rentiesville
- **S.E. Hinton**—author of young adult novels—Tulsa
- **Jack Bickham**—novelist, teacher, and journalist—Norman
- **Michael Wallis**—historian and biographer— Tulsa
- **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
- **Joy Harjo**—poet and member of the Muscogee Nation—native of Tulsa
- **Carolyn Hart**—award-winning mystery writer—Oklahoma City
- **C.J. Cherryh**—Hugo Award winning author— Oklahoma City
- **Bob Burke**—Oklahoma historian—Oklahoma City
- **Clifton Taulbert**—award-winning author—
- **David Dary**—award-winning author— Norman
- **Robert J. Conley**—Cherokee author—native of Cushing
- **David G. Fitzgerald**—award-winning photographer—Oklahoma City
- **Rilla Askew**—novelist—native of Sans Bois Mountains
- **Anna Myers**—author of young adult novels— Chandler
- 2013 Billie Letts—novelist—Tulsa
- **Alvin O. Turner**—educator, historian, author, and poet—Norman
- **Rennard Strickland**—author, historian, and legal scholar—Norman
- 2016 Diane Glancy—poet, author, and playwright—Tulsa
- 2017 Dr. George Henderson—educator and author—Norman
- **Tim Tingle**—author, storyteller, and performer—member Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- **Wiliam Bernhardt**—award-winning author— Choctaw
- 2020 No awards program due to COVID-19 epedemic.
- **Hannibal B. Johnson**—author and historian—Tulsa
- **Jim Stovall**—author, motivational speaker, and movie producer—Tulsa

Ralph Ellison Award

Ralph Ellison—National Book Award winner—Oklahoma City

- **Angie Debo**—"First Lady of Oklahoma History"—Marshall
- **Melvin Tolson**—poet, journalist, and dramatist—Langston
- **Jim Thompson**—novelist and screenwriter— Anadarko
- **John Berryman**—poet, biographer, and editor—McAlester
- **Lynn Riggs**—playwright and screenwriter—Claremore
- **Woody Guthrie**—author, illustrator, and songwriter—Okemah
- 2006 John Joseph Mathews—Osage novelist and historian—Pawhuska
- **Muriel Wright**—acclaimed Oklahoma historian—Oklahoma City
- **Danney Glenn Goble**—acclaimed Oklahoma historian—Tulsa
- **Stan Hoig**—author, journalist, and historian— Edmond
- **Alexander Lawrence Posey**, poet, journalist, and essayist—Eufaula
- 2016 Dr. H. Wayne Morgan, author and historian— Norman
- **Ralph Marsh**, newspaperman, award-winning magazine writer, and author—Okemah
- **Sanora Babb**, novelist, journalist, and poet— Red Rock

Lynn McIntosh Award for Excellence

- **Doris Eaton Travis •** The Days We Danced: The Story of My Theatrical Family
- **B. Byron Price •** Fine Art of the West ** **Deborah Duvall** and **Murv Jacob •** The Series of Grandmother Stories
- **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
- **Gaye Sanders** The Survivor Tree
- **Russell Cobb •** The Great Oklahoma Swindle: Race, Religion, and Lies in America's Weirdest State
- **Karlos K. Hill •** The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: A Photographic History

Glenda Carlile Distinguished Service Award

- 1999 **Daniel Boorstin**—Librarian of Congress Emeritus *** John Y. Cole**—Director, Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, 1977–2016 *** 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

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 **Jeanne Devlin**, Oklahoma City 2016–2018

Past Executive Directors

Jan Blakely 1986–1988

Aarone Corwin 1988–1990

Ann Hamilton 1991–1996

Glenda Carlile 1996–2009