PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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 **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
- 2023 Children **Tammi Sauer** Mary Had a Little Plan * Young Adult **Nikki Shannon Smith** • Lena and the Burning of Greenwood: A Tulsa Race Massacre Survival Story
- 2024 Children **Mariana Llanos** Benita and the Night Creatures * Young Adult **Traci Sorell** Mascot

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!
- 2021 Design **Tony Roberts** Renegades: Bruce Goff and the American School of Architecture

- 2022 Design **Eric Singleton** and **Julie Allred** Recovering Ancient Spiro: Native American Art, Ritual, and Cosmic Renewal * Illustration **Joshua** (**Lokosh**) **Hinson** Funny Fani'
- 2023 Design Gentry Chapman, Skip McKinstry, and Wiley Barnes Capital City: History of Tishomingo
 # Illustration Jeannine Bulleigh Save-It-Forward
 Suppers: A Simple Strategy to Save Time, Money and
 Sanity # Photography David Jennings The
 Smallest Hint: Photographs and Poems
- 2024 Design **Jackson Davis** Otis W. Leader: The Ideal American Doughboy * Illustration **Brian Call** The Florentine Poet

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
- 2023 Mary Anna Evans The Physicist's Daughter
- 2024 Sheldon Russell Listen

Non-Fiction

- 1990 Leonard Leff Hitchcock & Selznick
- 1991 Carl Albert and Danney Goble Little Giant
- **David Morgan, Robert England**, and **George Humphreys** Oklahoma Politics & Policies:
 Governing the Sooner State
- **Henry Bellmon** and **Pat Bellmon** The Life and Times of Henry Bellmon; and **Daniel Boorstin** The Creators
- **J. Brent Clark** 3rd Down and Forever
- **Dennis McAuliffe Jr.** The Deaths of Sybil Bolton
- 1996 William Paul Winchester A Very Small Farm
- **Annick Smith** *Big Bluestem: A Journey Into the Tall Grass*
- **John Hope Franklin** and **John Whittington Franklin**, Editors My Life and an Era: The
 Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin
- **Bob Burke** From Oklahoma to Eternity: The Life of Wiley Post and the Winnie Mae
- **Michael Wallis •** The Real Wild West: The 101 Ranch and the Creation of the American West
- **David LaVere •** Contrary Neighbors: Southern Plains and Removed Indians in Indian Territory
- **Lydia L. Wyckoff**, Editor Woven Worlds: Basketry from the Clark Field Collection
- **Michael A. Mares •** A Desert Calling: Life in a Forbidding Landscape
- **Eric R. Pianka** and **Laurie J. Vitt •** *Lizards:* Windows to the Evolution of Diversity
- **Ed Cray ·** Ramblin' Man: The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie
- **Timothy Egan** *The Worst Hard Time*
- 2007 Charles Robert Goins and Danney Goble Historical Atlas of Oklahoma, Fourth Edition
- **Nancy Isenberg •** Fallen Founder: The Life of Aaron Burr
- **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
- **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
- **Daniel Blake Smith •** An American Betrayal: Cherokee Patriots and the Trail of Tears
- **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
- **Robert L. Dorman ·** *Alfalfa Bill: A Life in Politics*
- 2020 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
- **Tracy Daugherty** The Land and the Days: A Memoir of Family, Friendship, and Grief
- **Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer •** Otis W. Leader: The Ideal American Doughboy

Poetry

- **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
- **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
- **Jessica Isaacs** Deep August
- **Loren Graham** Places I Was Dreaming
- 2017 Sly Alley Strong Medicine

- **Ron Wallace** *Renegade* (and Other Poems)
- **Laura Apol** *Nothing but the Blood*
- **Joy Harjo** An American Sunrise
- **Linda Hogan** *A History of Kindness*
- **Ken Hada ·** Contour Feathers
- 2023 Mary B. Gray Who Do You Think You Are?
- 2024 Karen Kay Knauss Sand: At the Mercy of Wind

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
- 1999 Michael Wallis—historian and biographer—Tulsa
- **Bill Wallace**—writer of novels for young people— Chickasha
- **Joyce Carol Thomas**—children and adult fiction author, and playwright—native of Ponca City
- **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
- 2006 Bob Burke—Oklahoma historian—Oklahoma City
- **Clifton Taulbert**—award-winning author—Tulsa
- **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
- **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
- **Hannibal B. Johnson**—author and historian— Tulsa
- **Jim Stovall**—author, motivational speaker, and movie producer—Tulsa
- **Sheldon Russell**—author and former educator
- **LeAnne Howe**—author and professor

Ralph Ellison Award

- **Ralph Ellison**—National Book Award winner—Oklahoma City
- 1997 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
- **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
- **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

- 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
- 2021 **Russell Cobb** The Great Oklahoma Swindle: Race, Religion, and Lies in America's Weirdest State
- 2022 **Karlos K. Hill •** The 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: A Photographic History
- 2023 **Jeanetta Calhoun Mish** The Collected Poems of Josie Craig Berry
- 2024 Gwendolyn F. Mukes · Gwen Didn't Care

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
- 2024 **Richard Rouillard**, outstanding board member of the Friends of the Center for the Book

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

Steven Baker, Oklahoma City 2019-2023