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Winners - 1990 through 2016

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2016

Adult Nonfiction: THE HOUR OF LAND: A Personal Topography of America’s National Parks by Terry Tempest Williams; Farrar, Straus and Giroux/Sarah Crichton Books
Children’s: RUNS WITH COURAGE by Joan M. Wolf; Sleeping Bear Press

2015

Adult Fiction: BLACK RIVER: A Novel by S.M. Hulse; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Adult Nonfiction: LADIES OF THE CANYONS: A League of Extraordinary Women and Their Adventures in the American Southwest by Lesley Poling-Kempes; The University of Arizona Press
Children’s: A SERIES OF SMALL MANEUVERS by Eliot Treichel; Ooligan Press at Portland State University

2014

Adult Nonfiction: BADLUCK WAY: A Year on the Ragged Edge of the West by Bryce Andrews; Simon & Schuster/Atria Books
Children’s: DIRT BIKES, DRONES, AND OTHER WAYS TO FLY by Conrad Wesselhoeft; HMH Books for Young Readers

2013

Spirit of the West Literary Achievement Award: Kent Haruf
Adult Fiction: THE SON by Philipp Meyer; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco
Adult Nonfiction: THE EMERALD MILE: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History through the Heart of the Grand Canyon by Kevin Fedarko; Simon & Schuster/Scribner
Children’s: THE LAST RIDE OF CALEB O’TOOLE by Eric Pierpoint; Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky

2012

Adult Fiction: THEFT: A Novel by BK Loren; Counterpoint Press
Adult Nonfiction: FULL BODY BURDEN: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats by Kristen Iversen; Random House/Crown
Children’s: KEPLER’S DREAM by Juliet Bell; Penguin Young Readers Group/Putnam Juvenile

2011

Adult Fiction: THE VOICE OF THE RIVER by Melanie Rae Thon; The University of Alabama Press
Adult Nonfiction: FIRE SEASON: Field Notes from a Wilderness Lookout by Philip Connors; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco
Children’s: MISSING ON SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN by Elise Broach; Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group/Christy Ottaviano Books, Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)

2010

Adult Fiction: THE WAKE OF FORGIVENESS by Bruce Machart; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Children’s Chapter Book: STARFISH by James Crowley; Disney Book Group

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<td>ANOTHER MAN'S MOCCASINS, A Walt Longmire Mystery by Craig Johnson; Penguin Group</td>
<td>AMERICAN BUFFALO: In Search of a Lost Icon by Steven Rinella; Random House</td>
<td>COLORADO'S WILD HORSES by Claude Steelman; Wildshots, Inc.</td>
<td>STAKING HER CLAIM: Women Homesteading the West by Marcia Meredith Hensley; High Plains Press</td>
<td>GO BIG OR GO HOME by Will Hobbs; HarperCollins</td>
<td>THE ILLUMINATED DESERT text by Terry Tempest Williams, illustrations by Chloe Hedden; Canyonlands Natural History Association</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>THE GOD OF ANIMALS by Aryn Kyle; Scribner</td>
<td>THE DAY THE WORLD ENDED AT LITTLE BIGHORN by Joseph M. Marshall III; Viking</td>
<td>GREAT RANCHES OF THE WEST by Jim Keen; Keen Media</td>
<td>ADOBE ODES by Pat Mora; University of Arizona Press</td>
<td>WIND RIDER by Susan Williams; HarperCollins</td>
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2005
Fiction: THE WORK OF WOLVES by Kent Meyers; Harcourt
Nonfiction: LITTLE THINGS IN A BIG COUNTRY: An Artist and Her Dog on the Rocky Mountain Front by Hannah Hinchman; W.W. Norton & Company
Art/Poetry: THE PUEBLO IMAGINATION by Lee Marmon; Beacon Press
Children’s Chapter Book: SEARCHING FOR CHIPETA: The Story of a Ute and Her People by Vickie Leigh Kudwig; Fulcrum Publishing
Children’s Picture Book: OLD COYOTE by Nancy Wood, illustrated by Max Grafe; Candlewick Press

Spirit of the West Award: Leslie Marmon Silko

2004
Fiction: LAND THAT MOVES, LAND THAT STANDS STILL by Kent Nelson; Viking Press
Nonfiction: HAWKS REST: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone by Gary Ferguson; National Geographic
The Arts: BIRDS OF PREY IN THE AMERICAN WEST by Tom Vezo and Richard Glinski; Rio Nuevo Publishers
Children’s: ENDURING WISDOM: Sayings from Native Americans edited by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, illustrated by Synthia Saint James; Holiday House Regional

Spirit of the West Award: Sandra Cisneros

2003
Fiction: PERMA RED by Debra Magpie Earlung; BlueHen/Putnam
Nonfiction: BREAKING CLEAN by Judy Blunt; Knopf
The Arts: DRAWN TO YELLOWSTONE: Artists in America’s First National Park by Peter Hassrick; University of Washington Press
Children’s Chapter Book: WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE WEST: Five Portraits in Creativity and Courage by Julie Danneberg; Fulcrum Publishing

2002
Fiction: THE MIRACLE LIFE OF EDGAR MINT by Brady Udall; W.W. Norton & Company
Nonfiction: A RIVER RUNNING WEST by Donald Worster; Oxford
Art/Poetry: ANSEL ADAMS AT 100 by John Szarkowski; Little, Brown
Children’s Chapter Book: DANIEL’S WALK by Michael Spooner; Henry Holt
Children’s Picture Book: MOUNTAIN MEN by Andrew Glass; Doubleday
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**2001**

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- **WINTER RANGE** by Claire Davis; Picador/St. Martin's Press

Nonfiction:  
- **THE BLOOD RUNS LIKE A RIVER THROUGH MY DREAMS** by Nasdijj; Houghton Mifflin

Art/Poetry:  
- **PAINTERS IN THE AMERICAN WEST** by Joan Carpenter Troccoli; Denver Art Museum & Yale University Press

Children’s:  
- **CLARENCE GOES OUT WEST AND MEETS A PURPLE HORSE** by Jean Ekman Adams; Rising Moon/Northland

Spirit of the West Award:  . Ann Haymond Zwinger

**2000**

Fiction:  
- **PLAINSONG** by Kent Haruf; Random House/Knopf

Nonfiction:  
- **WHERE RIVERS CHANGE DIRECTION** by Mark Spragg; University of Utah Press

Nonfiction:  
- **FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN** by John Maclean; William Morrow

Children’s:  
- **THE WILD COLORADO** by Richard Maurer; Random House/Crown

Spirit of the West Award:  . Jim Harrison

**1999**

Fiction:  
- **ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN** by Jim Fergus; St. Martin’s Press

Nonfiction:  
- **LASO THE WIND: Away to the New West** by Timothy Egan; Random House/Knopf

Poetry:  
- **IN GRAVITY NATIONAL PARK** by C.L. Rawlins; University of Nevada Press

Children’s:  
- **BOSS OF THE PLAINS** by Laurie Carlson, illustrated by Holly Meade; DK Publishing

Spirit of the West Award:  . Terry Tempest Williams

**1998**

Fiction:  
- **THE SKY, THE STARS, THE WILDERNESS** by Rick Bass; Houghton Mifflin

Nonfiction:  
- **LEGENDS OF THE AMERICAN DESERT** by Alex Shoumatoff; Knopf/Borzoi Books

Poetry:  
- **BLUE HORSES RUSH IN** by Lui Tapahonso; University of Arizona Press

Children’s:  
- **THE SERPENT’S TONGUE** edited by Nancy Wood; Dutton

Spirit of the West Award:  . Rudolfo Anaya

**1997**

Fiction:  
- **SUN DANCER** by David London; Simon & Schuster

Nonfiction:  
- **UNDAUNTED COURAGE** by Stephen E. Ambrose; Simon & Schuster

Poetry:  
- **MOUNTAINS & RIVERS WITHOUT END** by Gary Snyder; Counterpoint Press

Children’s:  
- **BILL PICKETT, RODEO-RIDIN’ COWBOY** by Brian and Andrea D. Pinkney; Harcourt Brace

Spirit of the West Award:  . Ivan Doig

**1996**

Fiction:  
- **STONE SONG** by Win Blevins; Forge/St. Martin’s Press

Nonfiction:  
- **THE DULL KNIVES OF PINE RIDGE** by Joe Starita; Putnam

Poetry:  
- **MY TOWN** by David Lee; Copper Canyon

Children’s:  
- **A BOY CALLED SLOW** by Joseph Bruchac; Putnam

Spirit of the West Award:  . Vine Deloria, Jr.
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<td>STYGO by Laura Hendrie; MacMurray &amp; Beck</td>
<td>KILLING CUSTER by James Welch; W. W. Norton</td>
<td>LOOSE WOMAN by Sandra Cisneros; Random House/Knopf</td>
<td>DAILY LIFE IN A COVERED WAGON by Paul Erickson; Breslich &amp; Foss/Preservation Press</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>PIGS IN HEAVEN by Barbara Kingsolver; HarperCollins Publishers</td>
<td>THE DEATH OF BERNADETTE LEFTHAND by Ron Querry; Red Crane</td>
<td>MONTANA 1948 by Larry Watson; Milkweed Editions</td>
<td>I AM LAVINA CUMMING by Susan Lowell; Milkweed Editions</td>
<td>N. Scott Momaday</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>COWBOYS ARE MY WEAKNESS by Pam Houston; W. W. Norton &amp; Company</td>
<td>THE MEADOW by James Galvin; Henry Holt</td>
<td>ALL THE PRETTY HORSES by Cormac McCarthy; Random House/Knopf</td>
<td>WHERE THE BLUEBIRD SINGS TO THE LEMONADE SPRINGS by Wallace Stegner; Random House</td>
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<td>MEAN SPIRIT by Linda Hogan; Atheneum</td>
<td>PHOTOGRAPHING MONTANA, 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron by Donna M. Lucey; Random House/Knopf</td>
<td>IN MAD LOVE AND WAR by Joy Harjo; Wesleyan University Press</td>
<td>CANYONS by Gary Paulsen; Delacorte Press</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>THE TESTIMONY OF MR. BONES by Olive Ghiselin; Teal Press</td>
<td>REMOTE BEYOND COMPARE by John Kessell; University of New Mexico Press</td>
<td>WHAT WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH by Marilyn Krysl; Teal Press</td>
<td>BEARSTONE by Will Hobbs; Macmillan/Atheneum</td>
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