

Reading the West Book Awards

Winners - 1990 through 2016

In descending order; formerly known as the Regional Book Awards

2016

Adult Fiction:NEWS OF THE WORLD: A Novel by Paulette Jiles; HarperCollins/William Morrow
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 Fiction:THE PAINTER: A Novel by Peter Heller; Penguin Random House/Random House-Knopf
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

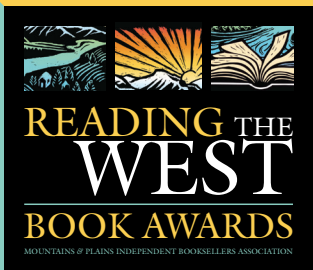
Adult Fiction:THE VOICE OF THE RIVER by Melanie Rae Thon; The University of Alabama Press
Adult Nonfiction:FIRE SEASON: Field Notes from a Wilderness Lookout by Philip Connors; HarperCollins Publishers/Ecco
Children's:MISSING ON SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN by Elise Broach; Macmillan Children's Publishing Group/
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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Nonfiction: AMERICAN BUFFALO: In Search of a Lost Icon by Steven Rinella; Random House
The Arts: COLORADO'S WILD HORSES by Claude Steelman; Wildshots, Inc.
Reference: STAKING HER CLAIM: Women Homesteading the West by Marcia Meredith Hensley; High Plains Press
Children's Chapter Book: ... GO BIG OR GO HOME by Will Hobbs; HarperCollins
Children's Picture Book: THE ILLUMINATED DESERT text by Terry Tempest Williams, illustrations by Chloe Hedden;
Canyonlands Natural History Association

2008

Fiction: THE GOD OF ANIMALS by Aryn Kyle; Scribner
Nonfiction: THE DAY THE WORLD ENDED AT LITTLE BIGHORN by Joseph M. Marshall III; Viking
The Arts: GREAT RANCHES OF THE WEST by Jim Keen; Keen Media
Children's Chapter Book: ... WIND RIDER by Susan Williams; HarperCollins
Art/Poetry: ADOBE ODES by Pat Mora; University of Arizona Press

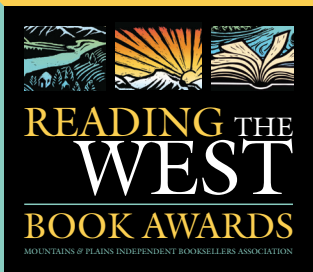
2007

Fiction: COTTONWOOD SAINTS by Gene Guerin; University of New Mexico Press
Nonfiction: BLOOD AND THUNDER by Hampton Sides; Random House/Doubleday
The Arts: MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK: The First 100 Years by Rose Houk, Faith Marcovecchio,
and Duane A. Smith; Fulcrum/Mesa Verde Museum Association
Children's Chapter Book: THE BUFFALO AND THE INDIANS: A Shared Destiny by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent;
photos by William Muñoz; Clarion/Houghton Mifflin
Reference: PINEDALE, WYOMING: A Centennial History 1904-2004 by Ann Chambers Noble;
Museum of the Mountain Man/Sublette Country Historical Society
Spirit of the West Award: ... Linda Hogan

2006

Fiction: A SUDDEN COUNTRY: A Novel by Karen Fisher; Random House
Nonfiction: 109 EAST PALACE: Robert Oppenheimer and the Secret City of Los Alamos
by Jenet Conant; Simon & Schuster
The Arts: WILLIAM HENRY JACKSON'S "THE PIONEER PHOTOGRAPHER" by William Henry Jackson,
Howard R. Driggs, Bob Blair (Editor); Museum of New Mexico Press
Children's Chapter Book: ... BEAR DANCER: The Story of a Ute Girl by Thelma Hatch Wyss; Margaret K. McElderry/Simon & Schuster
Spirit of the West Award: ... Robert Utley





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- 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 Krudwig; Fulcrum Publishing
 Children's Picture Book:OLD COYOTE by Nancy Wood, illustrated by Max Grafe; Candlewick Press
 Reference:SELECT PEAKS OF GREATER YELLOWSTONE: A Mountaineering History and Guide
 by Thomas Turiano; Indomitus 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
 Reference:CREATION OF THE TETON LANDSCAPE by David D. Love, John C. Reed, and J.D. Love,
 edited by US Games Systems, W.T. Pecara; Grand Teton Natural History Association
 Spirit of the West Award: ...Sandra Cisneros

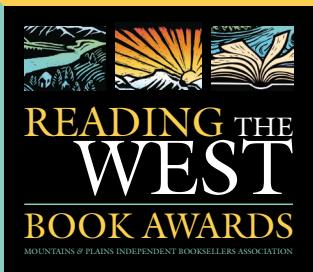
2003

- Fiction:PERMA RED by Debra Magpie Earling; 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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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: LASSO 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 Luci Tapahonso; University of Arizona Press
Children's: THE SERPENT'S TONGUE edited by Nancy Wood; Dutton
Spirit of the West Award: ... Rudolfo Anaya

1997

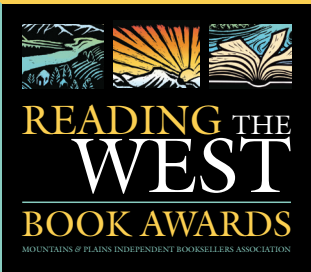
Fiction: SUN DANCER by David London; Simon & Schuster
Nonfiction: UNDAUNTED COURAGE by Stephen E. Ambrose; Simon & Schuster
Poetry: MOUNTAINS & RIVERS WITHOUT END by Gary Snyder; Counterpoint Press
Children's: BILL PICKETT, RODEO-RIDIN' COWBOY by Brian and Andrea D. Pinkney; Harcourt Brace
Spirit of 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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Nonfiction: KILLING CUSTER by James Welch; W. W. Norton
Poetry: LOOSE WOMAN by Sandra Cisneros; Random House/Knopf
Children's: DAILY LIFE IN A COVERED WAGON by Paul Erickson; Breslich & Foss/Preservation Press
Spirit of the West Award: ...Tony Hillerman

1994

Fiction: PIGS IN HEAVEN by Barbara Kingsolver; HarperCollins Publishers
Fiction: THE DEATH OF BERNADETTE LEFTHAND by Ron Querry; Red Crane
Fiction: MONTANA 1948 by Larry Watson; Milkweed Editions
Poetry: SO FAR FROM GOD by Ana Castillo; W. W. Norton & Company
Children's: I AM LAVINA CUMMING by Susan Lowell; Milkweed Editions
Spirit of the West Award: ...N. Scott Momaday

1993

Fiction: COWBOYS ARE MY WEAKNESS by Pam Houston; W. W. Norton & Company
Fiction: THE MEADOW by James Galvin; Henry Holt
Fiction: ALL THE PRETTY HORSES by Cormac McCarthy; Random House/Knopf
Nonfiction: WHERE THE BLUEBIRD SINGS TO THE LEMONADE SPRINGS by Wallace Stegner; Random House
Spirit of the West Award: ...David Lavender

1992

Nonfiction: LAND CIRCLE: Writings Collected from the Land by Linda Hasselstrom; Fulcrum Press
Nonfiction: PRAIRYERTH: A Deep Map by William Least Heat-Moon; Houghton Mifflin
Nonfiction: REFUGE: An Unnatural History of Family and Place by Terry Tempest Williams; Pantheon
Nonfiction: SONGS OF THE FLUTEPLAYER by Sharman Apt Russell; Addison-Wesley
Spirit of the West Award: ...Frank Waters

1991

Fiction: MEAN SPIRIT by Linda Hogan; Atheneum
Nonfiction: PHOTOGRAPHING MONTANA, 1894-1928: The Life and Work of Evelyn Cameron
by Donna M. Lucey; Random House/Knopf
Poetry: IN MAD LOVE AND WAR by Joy Harjo; Wesleyan University Press
Children's: CANYONS by Gary Paulsen; Delacorte Press

1990

Fiction: THE TESTIMONY OF MR. BONES by Olive Ghiselin; Teal Press
Nonfiction: REMOTE BEYOND COMPARE by John Kessel; University of New Mexico Press
Poetry: WHAT WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH by Marilyn Krysl; Teal Press
Children's: BEARSTONE by Will Hobbs; Macmillan/Atheneum

