

# 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 \* 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

## 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

### **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

- **Will Thomas** *Fatal Enquiry*
- **Lou Berney •** The Long and Faraway Gone
- **Luana Ehrlich •** *Three Weeks in Washington*
- **Sheldon Russell** *The Bridge Troll Murders*
- **Lou Berney ·** November Road
- 2020 Mary Anna Evans · Catacombs
- 2021 Aaron Gwyn All God's Children
- **Mary Coley** *Blood on the Mother Road*
- 2023 Mary Anna Evans The Physicist's Daughter

#### **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*
- **Charles Robert Goins** and **Danney Goble** *Historical Atlas of Oklahoma, Fourth Edition*
- 2008 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

#### **Poetry**

- **William Kistler** The Elizabeth Sequence
- **Carol Hamilton •** Once the Dust
- **Jim Barnes** *The Sawdust War*
- **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
- 2010 Jeanetta Calhoun Mish · Work is Love Made *Visible: Poetry and Family Photographs*
- 2011 **Benjamin Myers** Elegy for Trains
- 2012 Joe Dale Tate Nevaguaya 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
- 2022 **Ken Hada ·** Contour Feathers
- 2023 Mary B. Gray Who Do You Think You Are?

#### **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—
- 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—
- 2017 **Dr. George Henderson**—educator and author— Norman
- 2018 **Tim Tingle**—author, storyteller, and performer member Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 2019 Wiliam Bernhardt—award-winning author— Choctaw
- 2020 No awards program due to COVID-19 epedemic.
- 2021 **Hannibal B. Johnson**—author and historian—
- 2022 Jim Stovall—author, motivational speaker, and movie producer—Tulsa
- 2023 **Sheldon Russell**—author and former educator

## **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
- 2022 **Sanora Babb**, novelist, journalist, and poet— Red Rock

#### **Lynn McIntosh Award for Excellence**

- 2004 **Doris Eaton Travis •** The Days We Danced: The Story of My Theatrical Family
- 2005 **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 Gave 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

## 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

Steven Baker, Oklahoma City 2019-2018