

History of the Colorado Book Award

The Colorado Book Awards began in 1991 with four categories—Non-Fiction, Fiction, Poetry, and Children's. In 1993 Young Adult was added as a category. Since then, the Colorado Center for the Book (a program department of the Colorado Humanities since April 2004) has amended categories depending on the number and kind of books nominated. The Colorado Book Award has celebrated Colorado's most noted authors, including John Fielder, Linda Hogan, Jon Krakauer, Kent Haruf, Margaret Coel, Tom Noel, Stephanie Kane, Avi, Bruce Ducker, David Milofsky, Joanne Greenberg, T.A. Barron, and many others. Year indicates year of publication.

Colorado Book Award Recipients

Fiction

- 1991 *With the Snow Queen* by Joanne Greenberg
- 1992 *Booked to Die* by John Dunning
- 1993 *The Ballad of Rocky Ruiz* by Manuel Ramos
- 1994 *Lead Us Not into Penn Station* by Bruce Ducker
- 1995 *Solar Storms* by Linda Hogan
- 1996 *A Killing in Quail Country* by Jameson Cole
- 1997 *MARI: A Novel* by Jane Valentine Barker
- 1998 *A Good Doctor's Son* by Steven Schwartz
- 1999 *The Crook Factory* by Dan Simmons
- 2000 *Color of Law* by David Milofsky
- 2001 *The Good Journey* by Micaela Gilchrist
- 2002 *This Side of the Sky* by Elyse Singleton
- 2003 *Land that Moves, Land that Stands Still* by Kent Nelson
- 2004 *Eventide* by Kent Haruf
- 2005 *Articles of War* by Nick Arvin
- 2006 *The Pull of the Earth* by Teague Bohlen

Non-Fiction

- 1991 *Telling Distance: Conversations with the American Desert* by Bruce Berger
- 1992 *West of the Divide* by Jim Carrier
- 1993 *The Four-Cornered Falcon: Essays on the Interior West and the Natural Scene* by Reg Saner
- 1994 *Breast Cancer Journal* by Juliet Wittman
- 1995 *Red Earth White Lies* by Vine Deloria
- 1996 *Photographing the Landscape* by John Fielder
- 1997 *Herbs in the Garden* by David Macke and Rob Proctor
- 1998 *Innocents on the Ice by John Behrendt AND Chokecherry Places* by Merrill Gilfillan
- 1999 *Cutthroat* by Stephen Keating
- 2000 *Beethoven's Hair* by Russell Martin
- 2001 *The Coldest March: Scott's Fatal Antarctic Expedition* by Susan Solomon
- 2002 *Blood Diamonds* by Greg Campbell
- 2003 *Under the Banner of Heaven* by John Krakauer
- 2004 *The Candy Men: The Rollicking Life and Times of the Notorious Novel CANDY* by Nile Southern
- 2005 *Wild at Heart: Town of Snowmass* by Janis Lindsay Huggins

Creative Non-Fiction

- 2005 *The Guinness Book of Me* by Steven Church
- 2006 *Who are you people? A Personal Journey into the Heart of Fanatical Passion in America* by Shari Caudron,

Poetry

- 1991 *Wandering Roots/From the Hothouse* by Ma. Fatima Lim
- 1992 *Hands of the Saddlemaker* by Nicholas Samaras
- 1993 *The Book of Medicines* by Linda Hogan
- 1994 *The Fever of Being* by Luis Alberto Urrea
- 1995 *Deep Red* by Rawdon Tomlinson
- 1996 *The Very Stuff* by Stephen Beal
- 1997 *Tattooed Woman* by Carolyn Evans Campbell
- 1998 *Letters from a Stranger* by James Tipton
- 1999 *In the Colorado Gold Fever Mountains* by Robert Cooperman
- 2000 *White City* by Mark Irwin AND *Swan, What Shores* by Veronica Patterson
- 2001 *Colcha* by Aaron Abeyta
- 2002 *Never Summer* by Chris Ransick AND *Air Into Breath* by Kathryn Winograd
- 2003 *Shooting Script: Door of Fire* by Bill Tremblay
- 2004 *Bright Hunger* by Mark Irwin
- 2005 *Body Painting* by Jane Hilberry
- 2006 *The Prayers of Others* by David Keplinger

Children's

- 1991 *Sand Dune Pony* by Franklin Folsom
- 1992 *Hunters of the Sky* by Ann C. Cooper
- 1993 *Way Out West Lives a Coyote Named Frank* by Jillian Lund
- 1994 *Goose and the Mountain Lion* by Marian Harris
- 1995 *Tops and Bottoms* by Eleanor Ayer
- 1996 *Ten Little Dinosaurs* by Pattie Schnetzler
- 1997 *Beardream* by Will Hobbs
- 1998 *Through the Eyes of the Children* by Diane Hirschinger Gallegos
- 1999 *Margaret's Magnificent Colorado Adventure* by Julie Danneberg
- 2000 *Tiger Math* by Ann Whitehead Nagda and Cindy Bickel
- 2001 *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon* by Janet Stevens
- 2002 *What Did You Do Today?* by Kerry Arquette
- 2003 *Max Goes to the Moon* by Jeffrey Bennett
- 2004 *Just Another Morning* by Linda Ashman
- 2005 *Prehistoric Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins
- 2006 *Inventor McGregor* by Kathleen Pelley, illustrated by Michael Chesworth, Farrar, Straus & Giroux

Young Adult

- 1993 *Beardance* by Will Hobbs
- 1994 *The Merlin Effect* by T.A. Barron
- 1995 *Parallel Journeys* by Eleanor Ayer
- 1996 *Far North* by Will Hobbs
- 1997 *Ghost Canoe* by Will Hobbs
- 1998 *Water at the Blue Earth* by Anne Howard Creel
- 1999 *Yukon Gold: The Story of the Klondike Gold Rush* by Charlotte Foltz Jones
- 2000 *The Seer and the Sword* by Victoria Hanley
- 2001 *Cloud: Wild Stallion of the Rockies* by Ginger Kathrens
- 2002 *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
- 2003 *Meadow Lark* by Mary Peace Finley
- 2004 *Luna* by Julie Anne Peters
- 2005 *Click Here (To Find Out How I Survived the Seventh Grade)* by Denise Vega
- 2006 *What the Moon Saw* by Laura Resau

Anthology/Collection

- 2001 *Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the World* by Kay Marie Porterfield
- 2005 *Comeback Wolves: Western Writers Welcome the Wolf Home* by Gary Wockner

2006 *Open Road* by Sonya Unrein
2001-*Growing Up True* by Craig Barnes
2002 *Lucky Lady: The World War II Heroics of the USS Santa Fe and Franklin* by Steve Jackson
2003 *Monkey Dancing* by Daniel Glick

Biography/Autobiography/Memoir

2004 *Halfbreed: The Remarkable True Story of George Bent* by David Fridtjof Halaas & Andrew E. Masich

History

2004 *Painting a New World: Mexican Art and Life, 1520-1821* by the Denver Art Museum, editors Donna Pierce, Rogelio Ruiz Gomar, Clara Bargellini
2005 *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* by Charles Wilkinson
2006 *Your Death Would Be Mine: Paul and Marie Pireaud in the Great War* by Martha Hanna

Biography and History

1998 *The Ute Indians of Colorado in the Twentieth Century* by Richard Young
2000 *Molly Brown: Unraveling the Myth* by Kristen Iversen
2001 *Crucible of War* by Fred Anderson

Colorado/West

1999 *Colorado 1870-2000* by John Fielder
2000 *Messages from Frank's Landing* by Charles Wilkinson
2001 *Mythmakers of the West* by John Murray
2002 *Soul of Nowhere* by Craig Childs
2003 *The Beast in the Garden* by David Baron
2003 *Boomtown Blues* by Andrew Gulliford

Educational Non-Fiction/How-To and Advice

2000 *10 Smart Money Moves for Women* by Judith Briles
2001 *Fighting for Your Marriage* by Howard Markman
2004 *Xeriscape Colorado: The Complete Guide* by Connie Lockhart Ellefson & David Winger

Genre Fiction

2002 *A Winter Haunting* by Dan Simmons
2003 *Song of the Beast* by Carol Berg
2005 **NAME OF BOOK** by Margaret Coel

Guide Book

1999 *Making the News* by Jason Salzman
2003 *Bats of the Rocky Mountain West* by Rick Adams

Inspirational/Spirituality

2000 *Living the Renewed Life* by M. Wayne Brown
2003 *Embracing the World* by Jane. E. Vennard

Mental Health/Counseling

2002 *Writing to Heal the Soul* by Susan Zimmerman
2003 *The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander* by Barbara Coloroso

Mystery

2000 *The Spirit Woman* by Margaret Coel
2001 *Two O'Clock, Eastern Wartime* by John Dunning
2002 *The Shadow Dancer* by Margaret Coel
2003 *Extreme Indifference* by Stephanie Kane
2004 *Wife of Moon* by Margaret Coel

Nature and Recreation

WHAT YEAR *Shadowcasting: An Introduction to the Art of Fly Fishing* by John Dietsch and Gary Hubbell

Pictorial

2001 *Riverwalk* by William Wylie

2002 *Reclaiming the American West* by Alan Berger

2003 *Medal of Honor* by Nick Del Calzo

2005 *14,000 Feet: A Celebration of Colorado's Highest Mountains* by Todd Caudle and Walter Borneman

2006 *Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park: Then & Now* by James H. Pickering and Carey Stevanus, photographs by Mic Clinger

Practical Living

2002 *Colorado Colore: A Palate of Tastes* by Junior League of Denver

Reference

2002 *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War* by David & Jeanne Heidler

Romance

1999 *Meant to be Married* by Ruth Wind (Barbara Samuel)

2000 *Flowers Under Ice* by Jean Ross Ewing

2001 *My Dark Prince* by Julia Ross (Jean Ross Ewing)

2003 *A Piece of Heaven* by Barbara Samuel

Science Fiction

2001 *Passage* by Connie Willis

Self Discovery/Relationships

2000 *The Angelic Year* by Ambika Wauters