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## **COLORADO BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT ASPEN SUMMER WORDS LITERARY FESTIVAL**

ASPEN-Fourteen talented members of Colorado's literary community were honored as recipients of Colorado Book Awards at the Doerr-Hosier Center in Aspen, Colorado on Monday, June 22. About 150 guests gathered for the event.

"The awards and event celebrate individuals who are exceptionally gifted in their chosen craft," says Josephine Jones, Colorado Humanities Director of Programs and Center for the Book. "They also provide an opportunity for readers and book creators to meet face-to-face on an occasion that honors the place of books, and the people who create them, in our lives."

Brief readings by the winners of each competition category provided a venture into the work in the author's own voice. Audience members later attended a book signing reception for the CBA winners and finalists, giving them a rare chance for conversation with the world's literary best.

"The event is a way for the community to say 'thank you' to the honorees for enriching our lives with their insight, humor, and artistry," says Jones. Based on the feedback from the honorees and guests, the 2009 event will go down in the record books as an incredible success.

The Colorado Book Awards are presented annually by Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book to recognize outstanding contributions by Colorado authors, editors, illustrators, and photographers in 12 book categories: biography, children's literature, creative non-fiction, fiction/literary, general nonfiction, genre fiction, health and well-being, history, juvenile literature, pictorial, poetry, and young adult.

### **2009 Colorado Book Awards Winners**

**Biography** *Polk: The Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America* by Walter R. Borneman, Random House

**Children's Literature** *M Is for Mischief: An A to Z of Naughty Children* by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter, Dutton Children's Books

**Creative Nonfiction** *Trespass: Living at the Edge of the Promised Land* by Amy Irvine, North Point Press/Farrar, Strauss & Giroux





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**Fiction/Literary** *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski, Ecco

**General Nonfiction** *Storey's Illustrated Breed Guide to Sheep, Goats, Cattle and Pigs* by Carol Ekarius, Storey Publishing, LLC

**Genre Fiction** *Breath and Bone* by Carol Berg, ROC/NAL Penguin Group

**Health and Well-Being** *Unexpected Intimacy: Everyday Connections that Nourish the Soul* by Sarah Gabriel, Great Room Press

**History** *Killing for Coal: America's Deadliest Labor War* by Thomas G. Andrews, Harvard University Press

**Juvenile Literature** *The Totally Made-Up Civil War Diary of Amanda MacLeish* by Claudia Mills, Farrar Straus & Giroux

**Pictorial** *Colorado Scenic Byways: Taking the Other Road* by Jim Steinberg and Susan J. Tweit, Portfolio Publications

**Poetry** *A Murmuration of Starlings* by Jake Adam York, Southern Illinois University Press

**Young Adult Literature** *Fact of Life #31* by Denise Vega, Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

