

Wisconsin Writers Non-Fiction Book Award Winners 1965 to 2020

2019

The Painted Forest (West Virginia University Press) by Krista Eastman, Madison

Honorable Mention: *American Advertising Cookbooks: How Corporations Taught Us to Love Spam, Bananas, and Jell-O* (Process) by Christina Ward, Cudahy

2018

The Motherhood Affidavits: A Memoir (The Experiment) by Laura Jean Baker, Oshkosh

Honorable Mention: *Almost a Mother; Love, Loss and Finding Your People When Your Baby Dies* (Orange Hat Publishing) by Christy Wopat, Holmen

2017

The Capital Times (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) by Dave Zweifel and John Nichols, Madison

Honorable Mention: *Where Honeybees Thrive* (Pennsylvania State University Press) by Heather Swan, Madison

2016

Mother Nature's Daughters: 21st Century Women Farmers (McFarland) by Paula Dáil, Spring Green

Honorable Mention: *Braving It: A Father, A Daughter, and an Unforgettable Journey Into the Alaskan Wild* (Crown Penguin Random House) by James Campbell, Lodi

2014

The Heart of Things: A Midwestern Almanac (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) by John Hildebrand, Eau Claire

Honorable Mention: *Jagular Goes Everywhere: (mis) Adventures in a \$300 Sailboat* (Cedar Street Press) by Tom Pamperin, Chippewa Falls

2013

Opening the Doors: The Desegregation of the University of Alabama and the Fight for Civil Rights in Tuscaloosa (University of Alabama Press) by B. J. Hollars, Eau Claire

Honorable Mention: *Wheel Fever: How Wisconsin Became a Great Bicycling State* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) by Nicholas Hoffman and Jesse Gant, Appleton

2012

A Door in the Ocean (Counterpoint Press) by David McGlynn, Appleton

Honorable Mention: *Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin's Historic Bars & Breweries* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) by Jim Draeger, Monona, and Mark Speltz, Madison

2011

Women and Poverty in 21st Century America (McFarland) by Paula W. Dáil, Spring Green

Honorable Mention: *Rescuing Regina: The Battle to Save a Friend from Deportation and Death* (Lawrence Hill Books) by Josephe Marie Flynn, SSND, Milwaukee

2010

Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing (Amulet Books) by Ann Angel, Brookfield

Honorable Mention: *Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press) by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman, Milwaukee, with Zane Williams, photographer, Madison

2009

Mary Nohl: Inside & Outside—A Biography of the Artist (Greater Milwaukee Foundation) by Barbara Manger, Milwaukee

Honorable Mention: *Sweet and Sour Pie: A Wisconsin Boyhood* (University of Wisconsin Press) by Dave Crehore, Green Bay

2008

Things Once Seen (Borderland Books) by Richard Quinney, Madison

Honorable Mention: *Anatomy of a Trial: Lessons Learned from the People vs. O.J. Simpson* (University of Missouri Press) by Jerrienne Hayslett, South Milwaukee

2007

I Hear Voices: A Memoir of Love, Death, and the Radio (University of Wisconsin Press) by Jean Feraca, Madison

2006

The Maharishi Effect: A Personal Journey Through the Movement That Transformed American Spirituality (Tarcher/Penguin) by Geoff Gilpin, DeForest

Honorable Mention: *Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America* (Henry Holt) by Kerry A. Trask, Manitowoc

2005

Cambodia Now: Life in the Wake of War (McFarland) by Karen J. Coates, Brookfield

Honorable Mention: *Miller Time: A History of Miller Brewing Company, 1855-2005* (Miller Brewing Company) by John Gurda, Milwaukee

Honorable Mention: *Every Farm Tells a Story* (Voyageur Press) by Jerry Apps, Madison

2004

Trains in the Distance (Kent State University Press) by Paul Zimmer, Soldiers Grove

Honorable Mention: *Lord of the Rings: The Triumph and Tragedy of College Boxing's Greatest Team* (University of Wisconsin Press) by Doug Moe, Madison

2003

Riverwest: A Community History (Past Press) by Tom Tolan, Milwaukee

Honorable Mention: *At the Creation: Myth, Reality and the Origin of the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, 1901-1909* (University of Wisconsin Press) by Herbert Wagner, Monona

Honorable Mention: *The Art of Labor: Building the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center* (Boldt Construction Corporation) by Ellen Kort, Appleton

2002

A Castle in the Backyard (University of Wisconsin Press) by Betsy Draine, Madison, and Michael Hinden, Madison

Honorable Mention: *The Father's Guide to Birth, Babies and Loud Children* (Parents Guide Press)

by Jim Hoehn, Milwaukee

Honorable Mention: *Leaving the House of Ghosts: Cambodian Refugees in the American Midwest* (McFarland) by Sarah Streed

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The Complete Pig (MBI Publishing Company) by Sara Rath, Spring Green

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The Making of Milwaukee by John Gurda

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Caring for Milwaukee: The Daughters of Charity at St. Mary's by Brenda W. Quinn and Ellen D. Langill

1997

Great Wisconsin Walks by Chad McGrath

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Chicago in and Around the Loop: Walking Tours of Architecture and History by Gerard Wolfe

1995

The Fire Within: A Civil War Narrative from Wisconsin by Kerry Trask

1994

Farmhouse Fiddlers: Music and Dance Traditions in the Rural Midwest by Philip Martin

1993

Walleye Warriors: An Effective Alliance against Racism and for the Earth by Rick Whaley and Walter Bresette

1992

Once Upon a Farm by Lois Stark

1991

How Dark the Heavens by Sidney Iwens

1990

The Women of Genesis by Glenn Jeansonne

1989

Is She Coming, Too? Memoirs of a Lady Hunter by Frances Hamerstrom

1988

Gerald L.K. Smith: Minister of Hate by Glenn Jeansonne

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About Cows by Sara Rath

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Reflections on Door County by Grace Samuelson

1985

W.D. Hoard: A Man for His Time by Loren Osman

1984

Birding with a Purpose by Frances Hamerstrom

1983

Mary, Wayfarer by Mary Mebane

1982

Wisconsin's Famous & Historic Trees by Bruce Allison and Elizabeth Durbin

1981

Door Way by Norbert Blei

1980

Strictly for the Chickens by Frances Hamerstrom

1979

Hi-Ho Silver, Anyway by Bill Stokes

1978

Daylight in the Swamp by Robert Wells

1977

Barns of Wisconsin by Jerry Apps

1976

A Season of Birds by Dion Henderson

1975

Wild Goose Country by Robert Gard

1974

Ice Age Lost by Gwen Schultz

1973

Peg Leg Pete by Mel Ellis

1972

Orson Wells by Joseph McBride

1971

Vince Lombardi by Robert Wells

1970

Return to Walden West by August Derleth

1969

Gods and Heroes by Herbert Kubly

1968

Triple Ridge Farm by Ruth Fouts Pochmann

1967

Run, Rainey, Run by Mel Ellis

1966

John Barker