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# Past WILLA Award Winners and Finalists

## 2008 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER:** *What the Thunder Said*, Janet Peery, St. Martin's Press

**FINALIST:** *Spanish Dagger*, Susan Wittig Albert, Berkley Prime Crime/Penguin Group

**FINALIST:** *Deadman's Switch*, Barbara Seranella, St. Martin's/Minotaur/Thomas Dunne Books

### Creative Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *What Wildness Is This: Women Write About the Southwest*, Editors: Susan Wittig Albert, Susan Hanson, Jan Epton Seale, Paula Stallings Yost, University of Texas Press

**FINALIST:** *Navajo Women: Saanii*, Betty Reid, Rio Nuevo Publishers

**FINALIST:** *Fly With the Morning Dove*, Velda Brotherton, PublishAmerica

### Scholarly Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life*, Pamela Smith Hill, South Dakota State Historical Society Press

**FINALIST:** *Searching for Fannie Quigley: A Wilderness Life in the Shadow of Mount McKinley*, Jane G. Haigh, Ohio University Press

**FINALIST:** *Picturing a Different West: Vision Illustration, and the Tradition of Cather and Austin*, Janis P. Stout, Texas Tech University Press

### Historical Fiction

**WINNER:** *Harpsong*, Rilla Askew, University of Oklahoma Press

**FINALIST:** *Hearts of Horses*, Molly Gloss, Houghton Mifflin

**FINALIST:** *Tallgrass*, Sandra Dallas, St. Martin's Griffin

### Poetry

**WINNER:** *Raven Eye*, Margo Tamez, University of Arizona Press

FINALIST: *Table Walking at Nighthawk*, Carol Darnell Guerrero-Murphy, Ghost Road Press

FINALIST: *Tender Wild Things*, Diane Jarvenpa, New Rivers Press

### **Original Softcover Fiction (Trade or Mass Market)**

**WINNER:** *A Tendering in the Storm*, Jane Kirkpatrick, WaterBrook Press/Random House

FINALIST: *Shallow Grave*, Lori G. Armstrong, Medallion Press, Inc.

FINALIST: *Lake of Fire*, Linda Jacobs, Medallion Press, Inc.

### **Children's/Young Adult Fiction & Nonfiction**

**WINNER:** *Exiled: From Tragedy to Triumph on the Missouri Frontier*, Louise A. Jackson, Eakin Press

FINALIST: *Paint the Wind*, Pam Munoz Ryan, Scholastic, Inc.

FINALIST: *Jeannette Rankin: Political Pioneer*, Gretchen Woelfle, BoydsMills Press



During the Saturday banquet held at the 2008 Marketing Mavericks Conference, the 2008 WILLA Literary Award Winners were named. From top, clockwise, Jane Kirkpatrick, Louise A. Jackson, Rilla Askew, and Susan Hanson.



The 2008 WILLA Literary Award Finalists were recognized at the 2008 Marketing Mavericks Conference in San Antonio, TX. From left, Velda Brotherton, Linda Jacobs and Carol Darnell Guerrero-Murphy.

## 2007 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER:** *The Girl from Charnelle* by K.L. Cook (HarperCollins)

FINALIST: *Quarry* by Susan Cummins Miller (Texas Tech University)

FINALIST: *Bleeding Hearts* by Susan Wittig Albert (Berkley Publishing Group)

### Creative Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Montana Women Writers: Geography of the Heart*, Caroline Patterson, Editor with introduction by Sue Hart (Farcountry Press)

FINALIST: *At Home in the Vineyard* by Susan Sokol Blosser (University of California Press)

FINALIST: *Drawing to an Inside Straight: The Legacy of an Absent Father* by Jodi Varon (University of Missouri Press)

### Scholarly Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Revolutionary Heart: The Life of Clarina Nichols and the Pioneering Crusade for Women's Rights* by Diane Eickhoff (Quindaro Press)

FINALIST: *Touching Tomorrow: The Emily Griffith Story* by Debra B. Faulkner (Filter Press)

## Historical Fiction

**WINNER:** *The Night Journal* by Elizabeth Crook (Viking)

FINALIST: *A Clearing in the Wild* by Jane Kirkpatrick  
(WaterBrook/Press/Random House)

FINALIST: *Augusta Locke* by William Haywood Henderson (Viking)

## Poetry

**WINNER:** *To Sing Along the Way: Minnesota Women Poets from Pre-Territorial Days to the Present* Connie Wanek, Joyce Sutphen, Thom Tamaro, Editors (New Rivers Press)

FINALIST: *Adobe Odes* by Pat Mora (University of Arizona Press)

FINALIST: *Across the High Divide* by Laurie Wagner Buyer (Ghost Road Press)

## Original Softcover Fiction (Trade or Mass Market)

**WINNER:** *Hallowed Ground* by Lori G. Armstrong (Medallion Press)

FINALIST: *Rain of Fire* by Linda Jacobs (Medallion Press)

## Children's/Young Adult Fiction & Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Harvey Girl* by Sheila Wood Foard (Texas Tech University Press)

FINALIST: *Call Me the Canyon* by Ann Howard Creel (Brown Barn Books)

The WILLA Literary Awards, celebrating the finest books published about the Women's West during 2006, are sponsored by Women Writing the West . Awards and trophies were presented to winners and finalists at the annual conference held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 19-21, 2007.



The 2007 WILLA Literary Awards Winners include: back row, K.L. Cook and Lori G. Armstrong; front row, Caroline Patterson, Elizabeth Crook, Thom Tamaro and Sheila Wood Foard



The 2007 WILLA Literary Awards Finalists include, left to right: Debra B. Faulkner, Susan Cummins Miller, William Haywood Henderson, Jane Kirkpatrick, Laurie Wagner Buyer and Ann Howard Creel

## 2006 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER:** *Sky Bridge*: Laura Pritchett, author; Milkweed Editions

**FINALIST:** *Crazy Quilt*: Paula Paul, author; University of New Mexico Press

**FINALIST:** *Return to Abo*: Sharon Niederman, author; University of New Mexico Press

### Historical Fiction

**WINNER:** *New Mercies*: Sandra Dallas, author; St. Martin's Press

**FINALIST:** *Apache Lance, Franciscan Cross*: Florence Byham Weinberg, author; Twilight Times Books

**FINALIST:** *Sarah's Quilt*: Nancy E. Turner, author; St. Martin's Press

### Original Softcover Fiction

**WINNER:** *Summer of Fire*: Linda Jacobs, author; Medallion Press

**FINALIST:** *Loving Mercy*: Teresa Bodwell, author; Kensington Publishing

FINALIST: *Loving Miranda*: Teresa Bodwell, author; Kensington Publishing

### Children's/Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction

WINNER: *A Heart for Any Fate: Westward to Oregon - 1845*: Linda Crew, author; Oregon Historical Society Press

FINALIST: *Anna's Blizzard*: Alison Hart, author; Peachtree Publishers

FINALIST: *Under A Stand Still Moon*: Ann Howard Creel, author; Brown Barn Books

### Memoir/Essay

WINNER: *The Lady Rode Bucking Horses*: Dee Marvine, author; Globe Pequot Press—Two Dot Imprint

FINALIST: *Child of Many Rivers*: Lucy Fischer-West, author; Texas Tech University Press

FINALIST: *If You Lived Here I'd Know Your Name*: Heather Lende, author; Algonquin Books

### Other Nonfiction

WINNER: *Impertinences, Selected Writings of Elia Peattie*: Susanne Bloomfield, editor; University of Nebraska Press

FINALIST: *Pioneer Doctor: The Story of a Woman's Work*: Mari Graña, author; Globe-Pequot Press

FINALIST: *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women*: Jan Cleere, author; Globe-Pequot Press

### Poetry

WINNER: *Beasts In Snow*: Jane Elkington Wohl, author; High Plains Press

FINALIST: *Refuge of Whirling Light*: Mary Beath, author; University of New Mexico Press

FINALIST: *Hill Country & Other Poems*: Renee Walker, author; Fixin' To Press

## 2005 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

### Memoir/Essay

WINNER: *Into The Canyon: Seven Years In Navajo Country*

**by Lucy Moore**

FINALIST: *Above The Clearwater: Living On Stolen Land* by Bette Lynch Husted

FINALIST: *Grace Stone Coates: Her Life In Letters* by Lee Rostad

**Nonfiction**

**WINNER:** *Isabella Greenway: An Enterprising Woman* by Kristie Miller

FINALIST: *The Quilt That Walked To Golden: Women and Quilts in the Mountain West-From the Overland Trail to Contemporary Colorado* by Sandra Dallas

FINALIST: *The Montana Frontier: One Woman's West* by Joyce Litz

**Contemporary Fiction**

**WINNER:** *The Real Minerva: A Novel* by Mary Sharratt

FINALIST: *Last Lullaby* by Denise Hamilton

FINALIST: *Useful Girl* by Marcus Stevens

**Historical Fiction**

**WINNER:** *Tombstone Travesty: Allie Earp Remembers* by Jane Candia Coleman

FINALIST: *Where Heaven Begins* by Rosanne Bittner

FINALIST: *Four Souls* by Louise Erdrich

**Children's and Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction**

**WINNER:** *Nothing Here But Stones* by Nancy Oswald

FINALIST: *E is for Enchantment: A New Mexico Alphabet* by Helen Foster James

FINALIST: *Justina Ford: Medical Pioneer* by Joyce B. Lohse

**Original Softcover Fiction**

**WINNER:** *Echoes* by Erin Grady

FINALIST: *Moon In The Water* by Elizabeth Grayson

FINALIST: *Higher Ground* by Gladys Smith

**Poetry**

**WINNER:** *I am Madagascar* by Ellen Waterston

FINALIST: *The Northwest Rainforest Pioneers* by Claudia Harper

FINALIST: *Cowboy Poetry: Turning to Face the Wind* by Jane Ambrose Morton

## 2004 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

## Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER: *All Over Creation* by Ruth Ozeki (Penguin Group USA)**

FINALIST: *Desert Wives* by Betty Webb (Poisoned Pen Press)

FINALIST: *Unpaid Dues* by Barbara Seranella (Scribner)

## Historical Fiction

**WINNER: *Silver Lies* by Ann Parker (Poisoned Pen Press)**

FINALIST: *Fireweed: A Woman's Saga in Gold Rush America* by Carolyn Evans Campbell (Georgetown Editions)

FINALIST: *Matchless* by Jane Candia Coleman (Five Star/Gale Publishing)

## Memoir/Essay

**WINNER: *Predators, Prey and Other Kinfolk* by Dorothy Allred Solomon (W.W. Norton)**

FINALIST: *Girl from the Gulches: The Story of Mary Ronan* by Ellen Baumler, Editor (Montana Historical Society Press)

FINALIST: *Then There Was No Mountain* by Ellen Waterston (Roberts Rinehart Books)

## Nonfiction

**WINNER: *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America* by Linda Lawrence Hunt (University of Idaho Press)**

FINALIST: *A Widow's Tale: The 1884-1896 Diary of Helen Mar Kimball Whitney* by Charles M. Hatch and Todd M. Compton, editors (Utah State University Press)

FINALIST: *One Woman's Political Journey* by Lynn Musslewhite and Suzanne Jones Crawford (University of Oklahoma Press)

## Original Softcover

**WINNER: *Deliverance Valley* by Gladys Smith (Stoneydale Press)**

FINALIST: *The Scout* by Lynna Banning (Harlequin Historicals)

## Poetry

**WINNER: *Original Fire* by Louise Erdrich (HarperCollins)**

FINALIST: *Time Not Measured By A Clock* by Carole Jarvis (Cowboy Miner Productions)

## Children's/Young Adult

**WINNER: *Rodzina* by Karen Cushman (Clarion Books)**

FINALIST: *Meadow Lark* by Mary Peace Finley (Filter Press)

FINALIST: *Words West: Voices of Young Pioneers* by Ginger Wadsworth (Clarion Books)

## 2003 WILLA Literary Award Winners and Finalists

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER:** *Perma Red*, Debra Magpie Earling (Blue Hen/Penguin)

FINALIST: *Bad Faith*, Aimée and David Thurlo (St. Martin's Minotaur)

FINALIST: *No Man Standing*, Barbara Seranella (Scribner)

### Historical Fiction

**WINNER:** *Enemy Women*, Paulette Jiles (William Morrow)

FINALIST: *Strength of Stone*, Dianne Elliott (Two Dot/Globe Pequot)

FINALIST: *The Chili Queen*, Sandra Dallas (St. Martin's Press)

### Memoir/Essay

**WINNER:** *Breaking Clean*, Judy Blunt (Alfred A. Knopf)

FINALIST: *Between Grass and Sky*, Linda M. Hasselstrom (University of Nevada Press)

FINALIST: *When Montana and I Were Young*, Margaret Bell; Mary Clear Blew, Editor (University of Nebraska Press)

### Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Mary Colter: Architect of the Southwest*, Arnold Berke (Princeton Architectural Press)

FINALIST: *Mary Hallock Foote*, Darlis A. Miller (University of Oklahoma Press)

FINALIST: *Woman Walking Ahead*, Eileen Pollack (University of New Mexico Press)

### Original Paperback

**WINNER:** *Small Rocks Rising*, Susan Lang (University of Nevada Press)

FINALIST: *The Caballeros of Ruby, Texas*, Cynthia Leal Massey (Panther Creek Press)

FINALIST: *Flight from Fear*, Sarah Byrn Rickman (Disc-Us Books)

### Poetry

**WINNER:** *Miracles of Sainted Earth*, Victoria Edwards Tester (University of New Mexico Press)

FINALIST: *The Widow's Burden*, Robert Cooperman (Western Reflections)

### Children's/Young Adult

**WINNER:** *Circle of Time*, Marisa Montes (Harcourt)

FINALIST: *Together Apart*, Dianne E. Gray (Houghton Mifflin)

FINALIST: *Whistler in the Dark*, Kathleen Ernst (Pleasant Company Publishers)

## 2002 WILLA Award Winners and Finalists

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER:** *This House of Women*, Paul Scott Malone (Texas Tech Univ. Press)

FINALIST: *Heart of the Beast*, Joyce Weatherford (Scribner)

FINALIST: *The Jasmine Trade*, Denise Hamilton (Scribner)

### Historical Fiction

**WINNER:** *The Good Journey*, Micaela Gilchrist (Simon & Schuster)

FINALIST: *The Water and the Blood*, Nancy Turner (HarperCollins)

FINALIST: *The Magic of Ordinary Days*, Ann Howard Creel (Penguin Putnam)

### Nonfiction

**WINNER:** *Eye of the Blackbird*, Holly Skinner (Johnson Books)

FINALIST: *Sarah Winnemucca*, Sally Zanjani (Univ. of Nebraska Press)

FINALIST: *I'll Go and Do More*, Carolyn Niethammer (Univ. of Nebraska Press)

### Memoir/Essay

**WINNER:** *She Flies Without Wings*, Mary D. Midkiff (Bantam Dell)

FINALIST: *Mountain Time*, Jane Candia Coleman (Five Star)

FINALIST: *Standing Up to the Rock*, T. Louise Freeman-Toole (Univ. of Nebraska Press)

### Poetry

**WINNER:** *Blood Sister I Am To These Fields*, Linda Husa (Black Rock Press)

### Children's/Young Adult

**WINNER:** *Cissy Funk*, Kim Taylor (HarperCollins)

FINALIST: *Walk Across the Sea*, Susan Fletcher (Simon & Schuster)

FINALIST: *Boston Jane*, Jennifer Holm (HarperCollins)

### Original Paperback

**WINNER:** *Across the Sweet Grass Hills*, Gail Jenner (Creative Arts Book Co.)

FINALIST: *Fragile Treaties*, Faye Roberts (Western Reflections)

FINALIST: *Death of a Songbird*, Christine Goff (Berkley)

## 2001 WILLA Award Finalists and Winners

### Contemporary Fiction

**WINNER: *The Spirit Woman*, Margaret Coel (Berkley)**

FINALIST: *Smoke Eaters*, Christine Andreae (Thomas Dunne Books)

FINALIST: *Catching Heaven*, Sands Hall (Ballantine)

### Historical Fiction

**WINNER: *For California's Gold*, JoAnn Levy (University Press of Colorado)**

FINALIST: *Alice's Tulips*, Sandra Dallas (St. Martin's Press)

FINALIST: *Soul of the Sacred Earth*, Vella Munn (Tor/Forge)

### Best Original Paperback

**WINNER: *Dead Man Falls*, Paula Boyd (Diomo Books)**

FINALIST: *Painted by the Sun*, Eliz abethth Grayson aka Karen Witmer-Gow (Bantam/Random House)

FINALIST: *A Rant of Ravens*, Christine Goff (Berkley)

### Memoir/Essay

**WINNER: *One Degree West: Reflections of a Plainsdaughter*, Julene Bair (Mid List Press)**

FINALIST: *Scrapbook of a Taos Hippie*, Iris Keltz (Cinco Punto Press}

FINALIST: *Naming the Winds: A High Plains Apprenticeship*, Caroline Marwitz (High Plains Press)

### Children's

**WINNER: *Horned Toad Prince*, Jackie Mims Hopkins (Peachtree Publishers)**

FINALIST: *Ghost Towns: Seven Ghostly Stories*, Joan Lowery Nixon (Random House)