

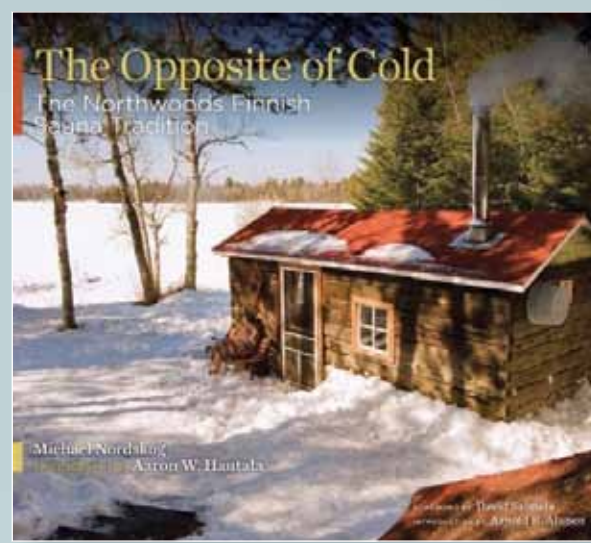


AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Sponsored by Books for Africa
Michael Hall – *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*

Published by Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins Publishers

This bright picture book features twenty animals created out of heart shapes. The book encourages children to familiarize themselves with the animals, discuss emotions and feelings and explore shapes and colors. Hall is an award-winning graphic designer who studied biochemistry and psychology at the University of Michigan. This is his first book for children.

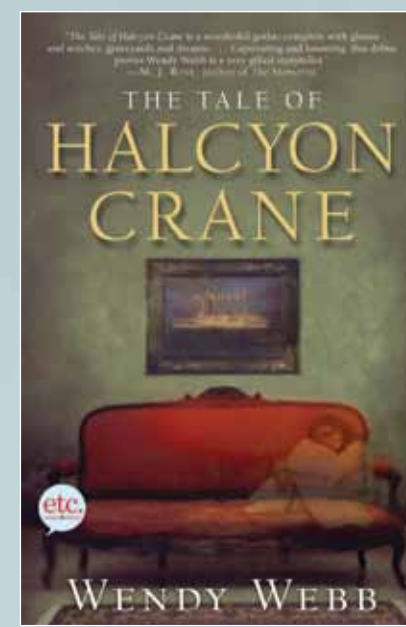


AWARD FOR GENERAL NONFICTION

Sponsored by Minnesota AFL-CIO
Michael Nordskog, photography by Aaron W. Hautala – *The Opposite of Cold: The Northwoods Finnish Sauna Tradition*

Published by University of Minnesota Press

A commemoration of the history, culture and practice of Finnish sauna in the northwoods, this book unveils the importance and beauty of sauna culture in modern Midwestern life. Nordskog is an attorney, writer and editor. Hautala is the creative director and owner of RedHouseMedia in Brainerd.



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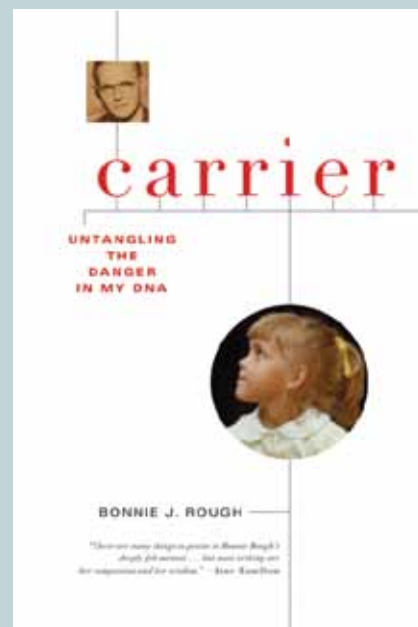
Sponsored by Marvin Windows and Doors
Wendy Webb – *The Tale of Halcyon Crane*

Published by Henry Holt & Company

Told that her mother died in a fire decades earlier, Hallie James discovers that she was actually alive until very recently. In search of answers, Hallie travels to her mother's home and discovers dark family secrets. Webb lives in Duluth, where she is the editor-in-chief of *Duluth-Superior Magazine*, a lifestyle monthly.

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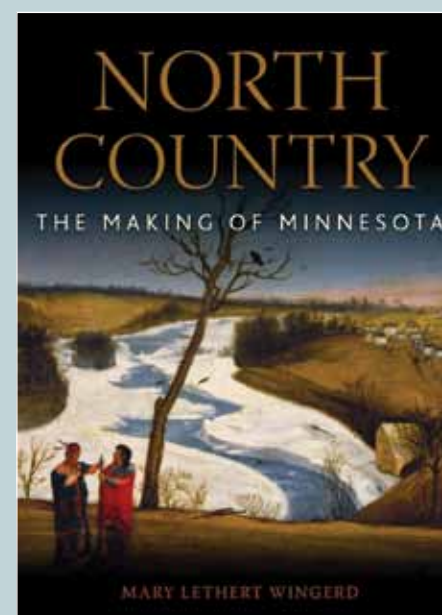


AWARD FOR MEMOIR & CREATIVE NONFICTION

Bonnie J. Rough – *Carrier: Untangling the Danger in My DNA*

Published by Counterpoint

As Bonnie J. Rough and her husband consider becoming parents, their biological legacy haunts every decision. A carrier of the genetic condition hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia (HED), she begins a journey to uncover the complicated details of her family's past. Rough has taught at The Loft Literary Center and this is her first book.



AWARD FOR MINNESOTA

Sponsored by Xcel Energy
Mary Lethert Wingerd – *North Country: The Making of Minnesota*

Published by University of Minnesota Press

This comprehensive text explains how the land the Dakota named *Mini Sota Makoce* became the State of Minnesota. The narrative is enhanced by more than 170 illustrations and informative captions. Wingerd is associate professor of history at St. Cloud State University and is the author of *Claiming the City: Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place in St. Paul*.

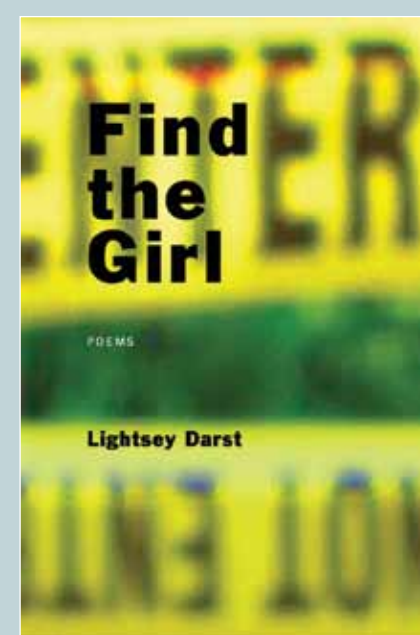


AWARD FOR NOVEL & SHORT STORY

Sponsored by Anchor Trust
John Reimringer – *Vestments*

Published by Milkweed Editions

Torn between his first love and the priesthood, James Dressler finds himself at a crossroads. This novel explores age-old and yet urgently contemporary issues in the Catholic Church, and is infused with a rich sense of the history and vibrant texture of Saint Paul. John Reimringer is a former newspaper editor and a graduate of the MFA program at the University of Arkansas.

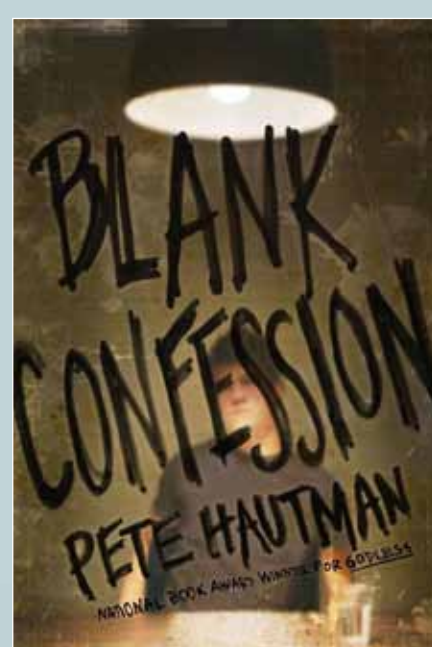


AWARD FOR POETRY

Sponsored by Wellington Management
Lightsey Darst – *Find the Girl*

Published by Coffee House Press

From Snow White to JonBenét Ramsey, this lyrical debut examines the change from girlhood to womanhood and America's interest in missing and exploited children. Lightsey Darst is a writing instructor, dance critic, and dancer who lives in Minneapolis. She also is the recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship.



AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE

Sponsored by Sit Investment Associates
Pete Hautman – *Blank Confession*

Published by Simon & Schuster

Shayne Blank is the new kid in town. The other kids don't understand him, he's not afraid of anything and his background doesn't add up. But when he walks into the police department to confess to a murder, it quickly becomes apparent that nothing is as it seems. Hautman is the author of nearly a dozen books for adults and young readers including *Godless*, which won the National Book Award.



THE READERS' CHOICE AWARD

Sponsored by The Pioneer Press and TwinCities.com
Laurie Hartzel – *News to Me: Adventures of an Accidental Journalist*

Published by University of Minnesota Press

This is the story of Hartzel's journey into the world of print journalism in the mid-1970s; a chronicle of a small-city newspaper on the cusp of transformation, a portrait of Duluth, and the account of a persistent journalist. Hartzel worked at the *Duluth News Tribune* in multiple roles, and is currently books editor at the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. Her journalistic work has won numerous national awards.

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