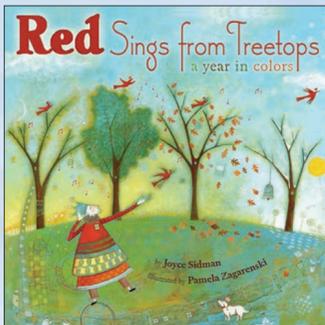


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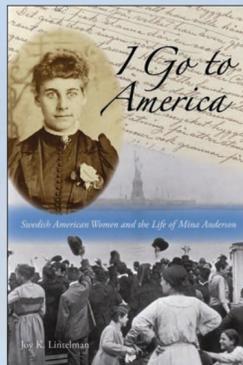
AWARD FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

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Joyce Sidman – *Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors*

Published by Houghton Mifflin Books for Children

This imaginative book describes the changing colors of the seasons with beautiful poems and vivid illustrations. Color becomes more than just what you see; it becomes something that you can hear and smell – with its own thoughts, feelings, and actions. Illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski.



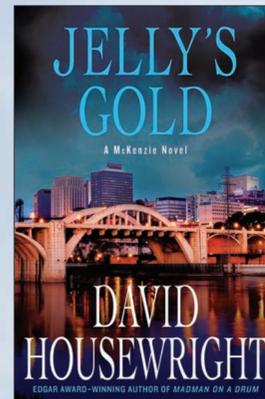
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Joy K. Lintelman – *I Go to America: Swedish American Women and the Life of Mina Anderson*

Published by Minnesota Historical Society Press

This book traces the story of writer Mina Anderson, who emigrated from Sweden to Wisconsin and then to Minnesota. It explores her move to rural Mille Lacs County where she and her husband worked a farm and raised seven children. Mina contributed widely to rural Swedish community life through her poetry, fiction and letters to Swedish American newspapers.



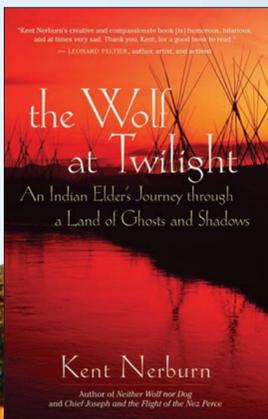
AWARD FOR GENRE FICTION

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David Housewright – *Jelly's Gold*

Published by Minotaur Books

In 1933, Frank "Jelly" Nash was suspected of masterminding a daring robbery of gold bars, and left the treasure somewhere in St. Paul. Two graduate students and two thugs are in competition to find the legendary stash. Rushmore McKenzie, a retired St. Paul policeman, gets involved in the search for the treasure – and also a killer – when the hunt turns deadly.

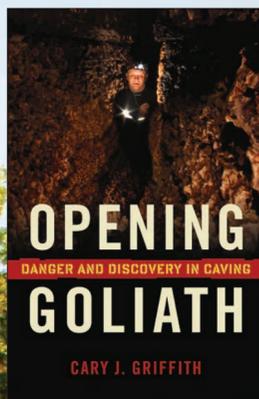


AWARD FOR MEMOIR & CREATIVE NONFICTION

Kent Nerburn – *The Wolf at Twilight: An Indian Elder's Journey through a Land of Ghosts and Shadows*

Published by New World Library

Suspenseful, touching, humorous, tragic, and powerful are just a few of the words that could be used to describe Kent Nerburn's captivating story of his journey to help an elderly Native American man discover what happened to his long lost sister. Nerburn brings light to the complicated friendship between a white American and a Lakota Indian, and the reader is allowed an extraordinary glimpse into the life and wisdom of a tribal elder.



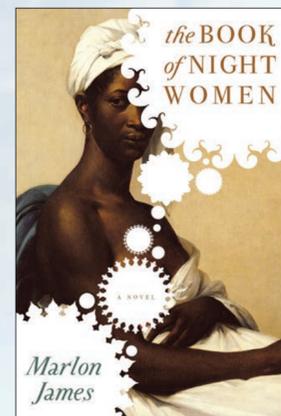
AWARD FOR MINNESOTA

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Cary J. Griffith – *Opening Goliath: Danger and Discovery in Caving*

Published by Borealis Books

The author recounts the amazing story of Goliath's Cave in southeastern Minnesota, discovered by recreational cavers in the 1980s. With a mix of adventure, suspense, politics, science, discovery and wonder, *Opening Goliath* takes readers to a subterranean wilderness where exploration and preservation sometimes coexist – and sometimes collide.

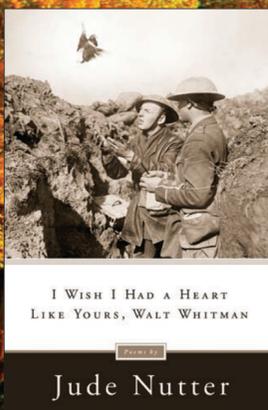


AWARD FOR NOVEL & SHORT STORY

Marlon James – *The Book of Night Women*

Published by Riverhead Books

This sweeping and astonishing novel tells the story of Lilith, a slave on a Jamaican sugar plantation who possesses a dark power. A group of slaves who call themselves the "Night Women" are plotting a revolt and assume Lilith's powers will be the key to success. However, as Lilith begins to assume her identity, she chooses a different path which poses a threat to the conspiracy.



AWARD FOR POETRY

Jude Nutter – *I Wish I Had a Heart Like Yours, Walt Whitman*

Published by University of Notre Dame Press

In this collection, the poet invokes, invites and revises Walt Whitman's Civil War poems through contemporary and female perspectives. The poems bridge the gap between past and present, loss and reclamation through passionate lyrics full of clarity, imagination and sureness of vision.



AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE

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Kate DiCamillo – *The Magician's Elephant*

Published by Candlewick Press

Peter Augustus Duchene is a ten-year-old orphan who is training to be a soldier in the city of Balthese. He was told his parents and sister are dead, but after a visit to a fortune-teller, he discovers his sister is alive. The fortune-teller tells Peter an elephant will lead him to her, and when one magically appears, Peter vows to take it and find his sister.



THE READERS' CHOICE AWARD

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Dave Kenney – *Honor Bright: A Century of Scouting in Northern Star Council*

Published by Northern Star Council

This captivating and richly illustrated collection consists of stories and photographs of the Boy Scouts of America's first century in central Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

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