

Spur Awards

The Spur Awards, given annually for distinguished writing about the American West, are among the oldest and most prestigious in American literature.

Spur Awards Winners –2019

Contemporary Nonfiction:

DB 90287 *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantu

First Nonfiction:

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Spur Awards Finalists – 2019

Historical Novel:

DB 90657 *This Scorched Earth: A Novel of the Civil War* by W. Michael Gear

Contemporary Nonfiction:

DB 92196 *The Last Cowboys: A Pioneer Family in the New West* by John Branch

Historical Nonfiction:

DB 93661 *West Like Lightning: The Brief, Legendary Ride of the Pony Express* by Jim DeFelice

Spur Awards Winners –2018

Historical Novel:

DB 87826 *The Coming* by David Osborne

Mass-Market Paperback:

DB 88995 *Hell Hath No Fury: John Hawk, Book 1* by Charles G. West

Historical Nonfiction:

DB 87767 *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

Spur Awards Finalists – 2018

Historical Novel:

DB 93076 *Moon Hunt: The First North Americans, Book 20* by W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O’Neal Gear

Mass-Market Paperback:

DB 91611 *Valley of Bones: The Byrnes Family Ranch, Book 10 (Byrnes Family Ranch, Book 8-10 Anthology)* by Dusty Richards

Historical Nonfiction:

DB 89112 *Cattle Kingdom: The Hidden History of the Cowboy West* by Christopher Knowlton

Spur Awards Winners –2017

Historical Nonfiction:

DB 87658 *Black Elk: The Life of an American Visionary* by Joe Jackson

Contemporary Novel:

DB 84332 *Off the Grid: A Joe Pickett Novel, Book 16* by C.J. Box

Spur Awards Finalists – 2017

Traditional Novel:

DB 86668 *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

Spur Awards Winners –2016

Historical Novel:

DB 82034 *Paradise Sky* by Joe R. Lansdale

Mass-Market Paperback:

DB 82875 *Lords of an Empty Land* by Randy Denmon

Biography:

DB 83009 Custer's Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America by T.J. Stiles

Juvenile Nonfiction:

DB 83852 This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon by Nancy Plain

Juvenile Fiction:

DB 83092 Walk on Earth a Stranger: The Gold Seer Trilogy, Book 1 by Rae Carson

Spur Awards Finalists – 2016

Historical Nonfiction:

DB 82587 The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck

Juvenile Nonfiction:

DB 83793 Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People by S.D. Nelson

Spur Awards Winners –2015

Contemporary Novel:

DB 80369 Bad Country by C.B. McKenzie

Historical Novel:

DB 86950 Wild Ran the Rivers by James D. Crownover

Traditional Novel:

DB 85215 Big Drift by Patrick Dearen

Spur Awards Finalists – 2015

Contemporary Novel:

DB 79310 Any Other Name: A Walt Longmire Mystery, Book 10 by Craig Johnson

Historical Novel:

DB 82085 Backlands: The Kerney Family Trilogy, Book 2 by Michael McGarrity

Traditional Novel:

DB 85386 The Poacher's Daughter by Michael Zimmer

DB 85214 Dance with the Devil: The Devil's Own, Book 1 by J.D. March

Spur Awards Winners –2014

Contemporary Novel:

DB 77212 Light of the World: A Dave Robicheaux Novel, Book 20 by James Lee Burke

First Novel:

DB 78162 Spider Woman's Daughter: A Leaphorn and Chee Mystery, Book 19 by Anne Hillerman

Nonfiction Historical:

DB 79089 Shot All to Hell: Jesse James, the Northfield Raid, and the Wild West's Greatest Escape by

Mark Lee Gardner

Spur Awards Finalists – 2014

Contemporary Novel:

DB 76012 Kind of Kin by Rilla Askew

Historical Novel:

DB 79017 The Promise by Ann Weisgarber

Nonfiction Historical:

DB 78804 The Heart of Everything That Is: The Untold Story of Red Cloud, an American Legend by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

Spur Awards Winners –2013

Short Novel:

DB 77006 Ralph Compton's Tucker's Reckoning by Matthew P. Mayo

Spur Awards Finalists – 2013

Long Novel:

DB 75312 *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin

First Novel:

DB 75312 *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin

Spur Awards Winners –2012

Long Novel:

DB 74902 *Remember Ben Clayton* by Stephen Harrigan

Spur Awards Finalists – 2012

Long Novel:

DB 74292 *Feast Day of Fools: A Sheriff Hackberry Holland Mystery, Book 3* by James Lee Burke

Spur Awards Winners –2011

Short Novel:

DB 72743 *Snowbound* by Richard S. Wheeler

Original Mass Market Paperback:

DB 75224 *Damnation Road* by Max McCoy

First Novel:

DB 74573 *Galveston* by Nic Pizzolatto

Nonfiction Biography:

DB 74705 *Wolf: The Lives of Jack London* by James Haley

Nonfiction Historical:

DB 75199 *The Killing of Crazy Horse* by Thomas Powers

Juvenile Fiction:

DB 72632 *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool

Juvenile Nonfiction:

DB 75479 *Buffalo Bill Cody* by Ronald A. Reis

Spur Awards Finalists – 2011

Short Novel:

DB 75026 *Roy and Lillie: A Love Story* by Loren D. Estleman

Long Novel:

DB 75189 *Going Through Ghosts* by Mary Sojourner

Original Mass Market Paperback:

DB 75015 *Wulf's Tracks* by Dusty Richards

First Novel:

DB 74935 *A Congregation of Jackals* by S. Craig Zahler

Nonfiction Biography:

DB 72644 *Wild Horse Annie and the Last of the Mustangs: The Life of Velma Johnson* by David Cruise and Alison Griffiths

Juvenile Fiction:

DB 71085 *The Last Summer of the Death Warriors* by Francisco X. Stork

Juvenile Nonfiction:

DB 73965 *Tecumseh: Shooting Star of the Shawnee* by Dwight Jon Zimmerman

BR 19017 *Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story* by S.D. Nelson (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

Spur Awards Winners – 2010

Short Novel:

DB 70857 Far Bright Star by Robert Olmstead

Juvenile Fiction:

DB 72627 Hard Winter: A Western Story by Johnny D. Boggs

Spur Awards Finalists – 2010

Original Mass Market Paperback:

DB 71083 A Cold Place in Hell by William Blinn

Nonfiction Contemporary:

DB 69976 The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America by Timothy Egan

Juvenile Fiction:

DB 69194 The Devil's Paintbox by Victoria McKernan

Juvenile Nonfiction:

DB 70329 Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491 by Charles C. Mann