

STORYTELLERS



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Since 1935, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards has recognized writers whose works confront racism and celebrate diversity. The prize is given each year to outstanding books published in English the previous year. An independent jury of nationally recognized scholars selects each year's winners. Since 1996, the jury has also bestowed lifetime achievement awards.



Cleveland poet and philanthropist Edith Anisfield Wolf established the book awards in 1935 in honor of her family's passion for social justice. Her father, John Anisfield, took great care to nurture his only child's awareness of local

and world issues. After a successful career in the garment and real estate industries, he retired early to devote his life to charity. Edith attended Flora Stone Mather College for Women and helped administer her father's philanthropy.

Upon her death in 1963, Edith Anisfield Wolf left her home to the Cleveland Welfare Association, her books to the Cleveland Public Library, and her money to the Cleveland Foundation.



WELCOME TO THE 78TH ANNUAL ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARDS

CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

For 78 years, the Anisfield-Wolf book prize has recognized writers whose works contribute to our understanding of the rich diversity of human cultures.

WELCOME

Ronald B. Richard President & Chief Executive Officer, the Cleveland Foundation

YOUNG ARTIST PERFORMANCE

Gwyneth Wilde Read her poem at: www.Anisfield-Wolf.org/2013poem

INTRODUCTION OF WINNERS

Henry Louis Gates Jr. Chair, Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards Jury Alphonse Fletcher University Professor, Harvard University

ACCEPTANCE

Eugene Gloria Poetry *My Favorite Warlord*

Laird Hunt Fiction *Kind One*

Kevin Powers Fiction *The Yellow Birds*

Andrew Solomon Nonfiction Far From the Tree

Wole Soyinka Lifetime Achievement Award



POETRY

Eugene Gloria

My Favorite Warlord Penguin Books

Eugene Gloria was born in Manila, Philippines, and raised in San Francisco. He was educated at

San Francisco State University, Miami University of Ohio, and the University of Oregon. He is the author of three books of poems. His first collection of poetry, *Drivers at the Short-Time Motel*, was selected for the 1999 National Poetry Series and also won the Asian American Literary Award. He is also the recipient of a Fulbright Research Grant, a Poetry Society of America award, and a Pushcart Prize.

Gloria collects 35 striking poems in *My Favorite Warlord*, a vivid, fast-paced book that looks at Filipino heritage, samurai, fathers, masculinity, and memory. "Here, On Earth" considers the bright faces in a restaurant in "a bad neighborhood," while "Allegory of the Laundromat" recalls 1967, with "astronauts burning in their space capsule, Wole Soyinka being hauled to jail ..."

Gloria teaches creative writing and English literature at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. He spent the 2013 spring semester as the Arts & Sciences Distinguished Visiting Writer at Bowling Green State University.



FICTION

Laird Hunt

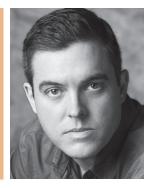
Kind One Coffee House Press

Laird Hunt is the author of five novels and a collection of short stories. *Kind One* is a haunting

novel that explores the uncanny intimacy between slave and master. In understated prose, the story tells of two slave sisters who turn tables on their mistress and take her captive after her Kentucky farmer husband dies. Hunt spans the period between the 1850s and 1930 in *Kind One,* and brings fresh imagining to our nation's most difficult subject.

Born in Singapore and educated at Indiana University and the Sorbonne in Paris, Laird Hunt has also lived in Tokyo, London, The Hague, New York City, and on an Indiana farm. A translator and former press officer at the United Nations, he is currently a faculty member at the University of Denver, where he edits the *Denver Quarterly*. He lives in Colorado.

His writings, reviews, and translations have appeared in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal, McSweeney's, Ploughshares, Bomb, Bookforum, Grand Street, The Believer, Fence, Conjunctions, Brick, Mentor, Inculte,* and *Zoum Zoum.*



FICTION

Kevin Powers

The Yellow Birds Back Bay Books

The Yellow Birds is a scalding first book that pivots on the last weeks of friendship between 18-year-old

Pvt. Daniel Murphy and 21-year-old Pvt. John Bartle, who makes a rash promise to Mrs. Murphy to bring her son home safely from Iraq. Writer Kevin Powers, who joined the Army at age 17 and served as a machine gunner in Iraq, creates a tightly focused, hypnotic story that spirals around his central character's isolation. Powers has created a piercing portrayal of war.

Kevin Powers was born in Richmond, Va., the son of a factory worker and a postman. He has said he enlisted in the Army as a teenager for "practical reasons": the GI bill, and "all my male role models had served." After his honorable discharge, he enrolled in Virginia Commonwealth University, where he graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in English. He holds an Master of Fine Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a Michener Fellow in Poetry.

In an interview with The Guardian newspaper, Powers explained why he wrote *The Yellow Birds:* "One of the reasons ... was the idea that people kept saying, 'What was it like over there?' It seemed that it was not an information-based problem. There was lots of information around. But what people really wanted was to know what it felt like: physically, emotionally, and psychologically."



NONFICTION

Andrew Solomon

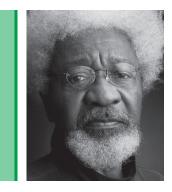
Far From the Tree

Far From the Tree is a magisterial book from Andrew Solomon that parses diversity in its most

intimate setting: the family. Solomon considers how parents navigate the world when a child is deaf, autistic, a dwarf, a criminal, a prodigy, or has Down syndrome or one of four other signal identities. Anisfield-Wolf Juror Steven Pinker wrote: "This is a monumental book, the kind that appears once in a decade. It could not be a better example of the literature of diversity."

In addition to the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, *Far From the Tree* was honored with the National Book Critics Circle Award. Solomon's third book, *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression*, won the 2001 National Book Award and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

A native New Yorker, Solomon studied at Yale University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1985, and at Jesus College, Cambridge, where he earned a master's degree in English. He is a lecturer in psychiatry at Cornell University and special adviser on LGBT affairs to the Yale School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry. His journalism appears frequently in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times, New York Magazine, Travel + Leisure*, and *Newsweek/The Daily Beast.* He lives with his husband and children in Manhattan and London.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Wole Soyinka

Lifetime Achievement Award

Wole Soyinka is a Nigerian playwright, poet, essayist, and profile in courage. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for

literature in 1986, the first African to be so honored.

At 78, he still afflicts the political tyrants in his path, as he has since he was a young man.

Born into a prominent Nigerian family in 1934, Soyinka wrote a detailed account of his early life in *Ake: The Years of Childhood*, which won an Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for nonfiction in 1983.

Soyinka has consistently criticized Nigerian military dictators and political tyrannies worldwide since the mid-1960s. In 1967, Nigerian authorities arrested Soyinka and placed him in solitary confinement for 22 months for attempting to broker peace during the Biafran War. The prisoner wrote on scraps of paper, which contributed to *The Man Died: Prison Notes of Wole Soyinka*. In awarding him its literature prize in 1986, the Nobel jury cited him as a writer "who in a wide cultural perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of existence."

Soyinka splits his time between his Nigerian home in Ogun state and Los Angeles, where he teaches at Loyola Marymount University.

The Awards Jury

An independent panel of nationally known jurors selects the Anisfield-Wolf winners. The current jury is chaired by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and includes Rita Dove, Joyce Carol Oates, Steven Pinker, and Simon Schama.



Henry Louis Gates Jr., Ph.D. Chair Alphonse Fletcher University Professor Harvard University



Rita Dove Commonwealth Professor of English University of Virginia



Joyce Carol Oates Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities Princeton University



Steven Pinker, Ph.D. Johnstone Family Professor of Psychology Harvard University



Simon Schama, Ph.D. University Professor of History and Art History Columbia University



Anisfield-Wolf Winners

Through the Years

1936

Harold F. Gosnell Negro Politicians: The Rise of Negro Politics in Chicago University of Chicago Press

1937

Julian Huxley and A.C. Haddon We Europeans: A Survey of "Racial" Problems Harper & Brothers

1938

no award

1939 no award

1940

E. Franklin Frazier The Negro Family in the United States University of Chicago Press

1941

Louis Adamic From Many Lands Harper & Brothers

1942

Leopold Infeld Quest: The Evolution of a Scientist Doubleday Doran & Co.

James G. Leyburn The Haitian People Yale University Press

1943

Zora Neale Hurston *Dust Tracks on a Road* J.B. Lippincott

1944

Roi Ottley New World A-Coming Houghton Mifflin Co. Maurice Samuel The World of Sholom Aleichem Alfred A. Knopf

1945

Gwethalyn Graham *Earth and High Heaven* J.B. Lippincott

Gunnar Myrdal An American Dilemma Harper & Brothers

1946

St. Clair Drake and Horace Cayton Black Metropolis Harcourt Brace & World

Wallace Stegner with the editors of Look One Nation Houghton Mifflin Co.

1947

Sholem Asch *East River* Houghton Mifflin Co.

Pauline R. Kibbe Latin Americans in Texas University of New Mexico Press

1948

John Collier The Indians of the Americas W.W. Norton & Co.

Worth Tuttle Hedden The Other Room Crown Publishers

1949

J.C. Furnas Anatomy of Paradise: Hawaii and the Islands of the South Seas W. Sloane Associates Alan Paton Cry, the Beloved Country Charles Scribner & Sons

1950

S. Andhil Fineberg Punishment Without Crime Doubleday & Co.

Shirley Graham Your Most Humble Servant Julian Messner

1951

Henry Gibbs Twilight in South Africa Philosophical Library

John Hersey The Wall Alfred A. Knopf

1952

Brewton Berry *Race Relations* Houghton Mifflin Co.

Laurens van der Post Venture to the Interior William Morrow & Co.

1953

Farley Mowat People of the Deer Little, Brown & Co.

Han Suyin A Many-Splendored Thing Little, Brown & Co.

1954

Vernon Bartlett *Struggle for Africa* Charles Scribner & Sons

Langston Hughes Simple Takes a Wife Simon & Schuster

1955

Oden Meeker *Report on Africa* Charles Scribner & Sons Lyle Saunders Cultural Differences and Medical Care Russell Sage Foundation

1956

John P. Dean and Alex Rosen A Manual of Intergroup Relations University of Chicago Press

George W. Shepherd Jr. They Wait in Darkness John Day Co.

1957

Gilberto Freyre The Masters and the Slaves: A Study in the Development of Brazilian Civilization Alfred A. Knopf

Trevor Huddleston *Naught for Your Comfort* Doubleday & Co.

1958

Jessie B. Sams White Mother McGraw-Hill Book Co.

South African Institute of Race Relations Handbook on Race Relations Oxford University Press

1959

Martin Luther King Jr. Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story Harper & Brothers

George Eaton Simpson and J. Milton Yinger Racial and Cultural Minorities Harper & Brothers

1960

Basil Davidson The Lost Cities of Africa Little, Brown & Co.

John Haynes Holmes I Speak for Myself Harper & Brothers

E.R. Braithwaite *To Sir, With Love* Prentice-Hall Publishers & Co.

Louis E. Lomax The Reluctant African Harper & Brothers

1962

Gina Allen *The Forbidden Man* Chilton

Dwight L. Dumond Antislavery: The Crusade for Freedom in America University of Michigan Press

John Howard Griffin Black Like Me Houghton Mifflin Co.

1963

Theodosius Dobzhansky Mankind Evolving: The Evolution of the Human Species Yale University Press

1964

Nathan Glazer and Daniel P. Moynihan Beyond the Melting Pot: The Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Jews,

Italians and Irish of New York City M.I.T. Press & Harvard University Press

Harold R. Isaacs The New World of Negro Americans John Day Co.

Bernhard E. Olson Faith and Prejudice Yale University Press

1965

Milton M. Gordon Assimilation in American Life: The Role of Race, Religion and National Origins Oxford University Press James M. McPherson The Struggle for Equality: Abolitionists and the Negro in the Civil War and Reconstruction Princeton University Press

Abram L. Sachar A History of the Jews Alfred A. Knopf

James W. Silver Mississippi: The Closed Society Harcourt Brace & World

1966

H.C. Baldry The Unity of Mankind in Greek Thought Cambridge University Press

Claude Brown Manchild in the Promised Land Macmillan Publishing Co.

Malcolm X and Alex Haley The Autobiography of Malcolm X Grove Press

Amram Scheinfeld Your Heredity and Environment J.B. Lippincott

1967

David Brion Davis The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture Cornell University Press

Oscar Lewis La Vida Random House

1968

Norman Cohn Warrant for Genocide: The Myth of the Jewish World-Conspiracy and "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" Harper & Row

Robert Coles Children of Crisis: A Study of Courage and Fear Little, Brown & Co. Raul Hilberg The Destruction of the European Jews Quadrangle

Erich Kahler The Jews Among the Nations Ungar

1969

E. Earl Baughman and W. Grant Dahlstrom Negro and White Children: A Psychological Study in the Rural South Academic Press

Gwendolyn Brooks In the Mecca Harper & Row

Leonard Dinnerstein *The Leo Frank Case* Columbia University Press

Stuart Levine and Nancy O. Lurie The American Indian Today Everett/Edwards

1970

Dan T. Carter Scottsboro Louisiana State University Press

Vine Deloria Jr. Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto Macmillan Publishing Co.

Florestan Fernandes The Negro in Brazilian Society Columbia University Press

Audrie Girdner and Anne Loftis The Great Betrayal: The Evacuation of the Japanese-Americans During World War II Macmillan Publishing Co.

1971

Robert W. July A History of the African People Charles Scribner & Sons Carleton Mabee Black Freedom: The Nonviolent Abolitionists from 1830 through the Civil War Macmillan Publishing Co.

Stan Steiner La Raza: The Mexican Americans Harper & Row

Anthony F.C. Wallace The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca Alfred A. Knopf

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George M. Fredrickson The Black Image in the White Mind: The Debate on Afro-American Character and Destiny, 1817–1914 Harper & Row

John S. Haller Jr. Outcasts from Evolution: Scientific Attitudes of Racial Inferiority, 1859–1900 University of Illinois Press

David Loye The Healing of a Nation W.W. Norton & Co.

Naboth Mokgatle The Autobiography of an Unknown South African University of California

Donald L. Robinson Slavery in the Structure of American Politics, 1765–1820 Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

1973

Pat Conroy The Water Is Wide Houghton Mifflin & Co.

Betty Fladeland Men & Brothers: Anglo-American Antislavery Cooperation University of Illinois Press

Lee Rainwater *Behind Ghetto Walls* Aldine Publishing Co.

Charles Duguid Doctor and the Aborigines Rigby Limited

Michel Fabre The Unfinished Quest of Richard Wright William Morrow & Co.

Albie Sachs Justice in South Africa University of California Press

Louis Snyder The Dreyfus Case Rutgers University Press

1975

Eugene D. Genovese *Roll, Jordan, Roll* Pantheon Books

Leon Poliakov The Aryan Myth Basic Books

1976

Lucy S. Dawidowicz The War Against the Jews, 1933–1945 Holt, Rinehart & Winston

Thomas Kiernan *The Arabs* Little, Brown & Co.

Raphael Patai and Jennifer P. Wing The Myth of the Jewish Race Charles Scribner & Sons

1977

Richard Kluger Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality Alfred A. Knopf

Michi Weglyn Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps William Morrow & Co.

1978

Allan Chase The Legacy of Malthus: The Social Costs of the New Scientific Racism Alfred A. Knopf

Maxine Hong Kingston The Woman Warrior Alfred A. Knopf

1979

Phillip V. Tobias, ed. The Bushmen: San Hunters and Herders of Southern Africa Human & Rousseau

1980

Urie Bronfenbrenner *The Ecology of Human Development* Harvard University Press

Richard Borshay Lee The Kung San: Men, Women and Work in a Foraging Society

Work In a Foraging Society Cambridge University Press

1981

Carol Beckwith and Tepilit Ole Saitoti *Maasai* Harry N. Abrams

Jamake Highwater Song From the Earth Little, Brown & Co.

1982

Geoffrey G. Field *Evangelist of Race* Columbia University Press

Peter John Powell People of the Sacred Mountain Harper & Row

1983

Richard Rodriguez Hunger of Memory David R. Godine

Wole Soyinka Ake: The Years of Childhood Random House

Jose Alcina Franch Pre-Columbian Art Harry N. Abrams

Humbert S. Nelli From Immigrants to Ethnics: The Italian Americans Oxford University Press

1985

Breyten Breytenbach Mouroir: Mirrornotes of a Novel Farrar, Strauss & Giroux

David S. Wyman The Abandonment of the Jews Pantheon Books

1986

Donald Alexander Downs Nazis in Skokie: Freedom, Community and the First Amendment Notre Dame University Press

James North Freedom Rising: Life Under Apartheid Through the Eyes of an American on a Four-Year Clandestine Journey Through Southern Africa Macmillan Publishing Co.

Barton Wright and Clifford Bahnimptewa Kachinas: A Hopi Artist's Documentary Northland Press

1987

Arnold Rampersad The Life of Langston Hughes, Vol. 1 Oxford University Press

Gail Sheehy Spirit of Survival William Morrow & Co.

1988

Nadine Gordimer A Sport of Nature Alfred A. Knopf Walter F. Morris Jr. and Jeffrey Jay Foxx *Living Maya* Harry N. Abrams

Toni Morrison *Beloved* Alfred A. Knopf

Abigail M. Thernstrom Whose Votes Count? Affirmative Action and Minority Voting Rights Harvard University Press

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Taylor Branch Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954–63 Simon & Schuster

Henry Louis Gates Jr.

The Schomburg Library of Nineteenth-Century Black Women Writers (30 volumes) Oxford University Press

George Lipsitz

A Life in the Struggle: Ivory Perry and the Culture of Opposition Temple University Press

Peter Sutton

Dreamings: The Art of Aboriginal Australia George Braziller

1990

Hugh Honour

The Image of the Black in Western Art From the American Revolution to World War I, Vol. 4, Part 1, Slaves and Liberators, and Vol. 4, Part 2, Black Models and White Myths Menil Foundation in association with Harvard University Press

Dolores Kendrick

The Women of Plums: Poems in the Voices of Slave Women William Morrow & Co.

Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher

African Ark: People and Ancient Cultures of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa Harry N. Abrams

Walter A. Jackson Gunnar Myrdal and America's Conscience: Social Engineering and Racial Liberalism, 1938–1987 University of North Carolina Press

Forrest G. Wood

The Arrogance of Faith: Christianity and Race in America From the Colonial Era to the Twentieth Century Alfred A. Knopf

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Melissa Fay Greene Praying for Sheetrock Addison-Wesley

Peter Hayes, ed. Lessons and Legacies: The Meaning of the Holocaust in a Changing World Northwestern University Press

Elaine Mensh and Harry Mensh

The IQ Mythology: Class, Race, Gender and Inequality Southern Illinois University Press

Marilyn Nelson Waniek The Homeplace Louisiana State University Press

1993

Kwame Anthony Appiah In My Father's House Oxford University Press

Sandra Cisneros Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories Random House

Marija Gimbutas The Civilization of the Goddess Harper San Francisco

1994

Judith Ortiz Cofer The Latin Deli The University of Georgia Press

David Levering Lewis W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of a Race, 1868–1919 Henry Holt and Co.

Ronald Takaki A Different Mirror Little, Brown & Co.

1995

Reginald Gibbons Sweetbitter Broken Moon Press

Brent Staples Parallel Time: Growing Up in Black and White Pantheon Books

William H. Tucker The Science and Politics of Racial Research University of Illinois Press

1996

Madison Smartt Bell All Souls' Rising Pantheon

Jonathan Kozol Amazing Grace Crown Publishers

1997

Jamaica Kincaid The Autobiography of My Mother Farrar, Strauss & Giroux

James McBride The Color of Water Putnam

1998

Toi Derricotte The Black Notebooks W.W. Norton & Co.

Walter Mosley Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned W.W. Norton & Co.

Russell Banks Cloudsplitter HarperCollins

John Lewis Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement Simon & Schuster

2000

Chang-rae Lee A Gesture Life Riverhead Books

Edward W. Said Out of Place Alfred A. Knopf

2001

David Levering Lewis W.E.B. Du Bois: The Fight for Equality and the American Century, 1919-1963 Henry Holt and Co.

F.X. Toole Rope Burns: Stories from the Corner Ecco Press/HarperCollins

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Quincy Jones *Q: The Autobiography of Quincy Jones* Doubleday

Vernon E. Jordan Jr. *Vernon Can Read* Public Affairs

Colson Whitehead John Henry Days Anchor Books

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Stephen L. Carter The Emperor of Ocean Park Alfred A. Knopf

Samantha Power A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide New Republic/Basic Books Reetika Vazirani World Hotel Copper Canyon Press

2004

Ira Berlin Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves Harvard University Press

Edward P. Jones The Known World Amistad Press/HarperCollins

Adrian Nicole LeBlanc Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx Scribner

2005

Edwidge Danticat The Dew Breaker Alfred A. Knopf

A. Van Jordan *M•A•C•N•O•L•/•A* W.W. Norton & Co.

Geoffrey C. Ward Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson Alfred A. Knopf

2006

Jill Lepore New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery, and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan Alfred A. Knopf

Zadie Smith On Beauty Penguin Press

2007

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Half of a Yellow Sun

Alfred A. Knopf

Martha Collins Blue Front Graywolf Press Scott Reynolds Nelson Steel Drivin' Man: The Untold Story of an American Legend Oxford University Press

2008

Ayaan Hirsi Ali Infidel Free Press

Junot Díaz *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* Riverhead Books

Mohsin Hamid The Reluctant Fundamentalist Harcourt

2009

Louise Erdrich The Plague of Doves HarperCollins

Annette Gordon-Reed The Hemingses of Monticello W.W. Norton & Co.

Nam Le The Boat Alfred A. Knopf

2010

Kamila Shamsie Burnt Shadows Picador

2011

David Eltis and David Richardson Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Yale University Press

Nicole Krauss Great House W.W. Norton & Co.

Mary Helen Stefaniak The Cailiffs of Baghdad, Georgia W.W. Norton & Co.

Isabel Wilkerson The Warmth of Other Suns Random House

2012

David Blight American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era Harvard University Press

Esi Edugyan Half-Blood Blues: A Novel Picador

David Livingstone Smith Less Than Human: Why We Demean, Enslave, and Exterminate Others St. Martin's Press

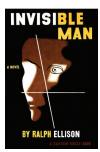
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Special Landmark Achievement Award

This award was given on the 40th anniversary of the publication of *Invisible Man.*

1992 Ralph Ellison Random House, 1952

Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

In recent years, the book awards jury has given a Lifetime Achievement Award to individuals whose life work has enhanced an understanding of cultural diversity.

1996 Dorothy West, author

1997 Albert L. Murray, musician and author

1998

Gordon Parks, photographer and artist

1999

John Hope Franklin, historian

2000 Ernest J. Gaines, author

2001 Lucille Clifton, poet

2002 Jay Wright, poet

2003 Adrienne Kennedy, playwright

2004 Derek Walcott, poet and playwright 2005 August Wilson, playwright

2006 William Demby, novelist

2007 Taylor Branch, historian

2008 William Melvin Kelley, novelist

2009 Paule Marshall, novelist

2010

Elizabeth Alexander, poet

William Julius Wilson, sociologist

Oprah Winfrey, television host and philanthropist

2011 John Edgar Wideman, author

2012 Arnold Rampersad, biographer

2013 Wole Soyinka, playwright

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