

THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARDS FOR FICTION, NONFICTION & POETRY

Nominees and Winners 2004-Present

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2007

Fiction

Tree of Smoke	Denis Johnson
Fieldwork	Mischa Berlinski
Varieties of disturbance	Lydia Davis
Then we came to the end	Joshua Ferris
Like you'd understand, anyway	Jim Shepard

Nonfiction

Legacy of ashes: the history of the CIA	Tim Weiner
Brother, I'm dying	Edwidge Danticat
God is not great: how religion poisons everything	Christopher Hitchens
Unruly Americans and the origins of the Constitution	Woody Holton
Ralph Ellison: a biography	Arnold Rampersad

Poetry

Time and materials	Robert Haas
Magnetic north	Linda Gregerson
The house on boulevard st.	David Kirby
Old heart	Stanley Plumly
Messenger: new and selected poems 1976-2006	Ellen Bryant Voigt

2006

Fiction

The Echo Maker	Richard Powers
Only revolutions	Mark Z. Danielewski



A disorder peculiar to the country	Ken Kalfus
Eat the document	Dana Spiotta
The zero	Jess Walter

Nonfiction

The worst hard time: The untold story of those who survived the great American dust bowl	Timothy Egan
At Canaan's edge: America in the king years, 1965-68	Taylor Branch
Imperial life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's green zone	Rajiv Chandrasekaran
Oracle bones: A journey between China's past and present	Peter Hessler
The looming tower: Al-Qaeda and the road to 9/11	Lawrence Wright

Poetry

Splay Anthem	Nathaniel Mackey
Averno	Louise Gluck
Chromatic	H.L. Hix

Angle of Yaw
Capacity

2005

Fiction

Europe Central

The march
Veronica
Trance
Holy skirts

Ben Lerner
James McMichael

William T. Vollmann

E.L. Doctorow
Mary Gaitskill
Christopher Sorrentino
Rene Steinke

Nonfiction

The year of magical thinking

Out of Eden
Jean-Jacques Rousseau
102 minutes
Bury the chains

Joan Didion

Alan Burdick
Leo Damrosch
Jim Dwyer & Kevin Flynn
Adam Hochschild

Poetry

Migration

Where shall I wander
Star dust
Habitat
The moment's equation

W.S. Merwin

John Ashbery
Frank Bidart
Brendan Galvin
Vern Rutsala

2004

Fiction

The new; from Paraguay

Madeleine is sleeping
Florida
Ideas of heaven
Our kind

Lily Tuck

Sarah Shun-lien Bynum
Christine Schutt
Joan Silber
Kate Walbert

Nonfiction

Arc of justice

Washington's crossing
Life on the outside
Will in the world
The 9/11 Commission Report

Kevin Boyle

David Hackett Fischer
Jennifer Gonnerman
Stephen Greenblatt
The 9/11 Commission

Poetry

Door in the mountain

Shoah train
Collected poems
The rest of love
Goest

Jean Valentine

William Heyen
Donald Justice
Carl Phillips
Cole Swensen