

2008 Eric Hoffer Awards Announced

Writers' Notes and the Eric Hoffer Project announce winners of the 2008 Eric Hoffer Award for Books, defining excellence in independent publishing.

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Each year, the Eric Hoffer Award seeks excellence in independent publishing. Entries come from academic, small, and micro presses, as well as self-published authors.

"We are very excited about using our international award program to honor the memory of one of America's greatest freethinkers," said Christopher Klim, the managing editor of *Best New Writing*, which publishes the results of the Eric Hoffer Award for books and prose. "This year's Hoffer winners bring us to a new height."

MONTAIGNE MEDAL ADDED

As part of the Hoffer Award, the Montaigne Medal is bestowed upon the most thought-provoking titles. The Montaigne is given in honor of the great French philosopher Michel de Montaigne, who influenced people such as Shakespeare, Descartes, Emerson, Nietzsche, Rousseau, and Eric Hoffer.

THE 2008 ERIC HOFFER BOOK AWARD WINNERS

The Eric Hoffer Book Award grants a \$1,500 annual grand prize and separate distinctions for the best academic, small, and micro press, the best self-published book, and various winners in 14 categories that cover the entire publishing spectrum. Also, the Montaigne Medal is awarded to the most thought-provoking books. Full coverage can be found at www.HofferAward.com and in the upcoming release of *Best New Writing*.

GRAND PRIZE

* Thought to Exist in the Wild, Derrick Jensen, Photos Karen Tweedy-Holms, No Voice Unheard

ACADEMIC PRESS

* Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible, Karel van der Toorn, Harvard University Press

SMALL PRESS

* Lasting Contribution, Tad Waddington, Agate B2 Books

MICRO PRESS

* Clown Girl, Monica Drake, Hawthorne Books

SELF-PUBLISHED

* Thinking Organized for Parents and Children, Rhona M. Gordon, Thinking Organized

THE MONTAIGNE MEDAL

- * Long Shadows, David Giffey (editor), Atwood Publishing
- * The Aesthetics of Equity, Craig L. Wilkins, University of Minnesota
- * You Will Die, Robert R. Arthur, Suburra Publishing

ART

- * In New Mexico Light, Douglas Kent Hall, Museum of New Mexico

POETRY

- * Dismal Rock, Davis McCombs, Tupelo Press

GENERAL FICTION

- * Migration Patterns, Gary Schanbacher, Fulcrum Publishing

COMMERCIAL FICTION

- * Discipline, Paco Ahlgren, Greenleaf Book Group

CHILDREN'S

- * Priscilla McDoodleNut DoodleMcMae Asks Why?, Janet Mary Sinke, My Grandma and

YOUNG ADULT

- * Runt the Hunted, Daniel Schwabauer, Clear Water Press

MEMOIR

- * Crossing the Sands, Ariane Audouin-Dubreuil, Dalton Watson Fine Books

CULTURE

- * Reflections in a Critical Eye, Jan Whitt, University Press of America

BUSINESS

- * Spiritual Capitalism, Peter Ressler & Monika Mitchell Ressler, Chilmark Books

REFERENCE

- * The Roman Triumph, Mary Beard, Belknap Press

HOME

- * Celebrate... Italian Style, Jacqueline Miconi, AuthorHouse Press

HEALTH

- * A Life Unburdened, Richard Morris, New Trends Publishing

SELF-HELP/SPIRITUAL

- * How Big Is Your God, Paul Coutinho, S.J., Loyola Press

LEGACY

- * One Man's War, Dan A. Baker & Tommy LaMore, Taylor Trade Publishing

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