

# Hoffer Award Announces 2009 Montaigne Medalists

*The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee announces the 2009 Montaigne Medalists.*

**April 20, Trenton, NJ** – The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee has released the Montaigne Medal winners the 2009 award year.

Each year, the Montaigne Medal is given to the most thought-provoking titles—books that either illuminate, progress, or redirect thought. The Montaigne Medal is given in honor of the great French philosopher Michel de Montaigne, who influenced people such as Shakespeare, Descartes, Nietzsche, Rousseau, Emerson, and Eric Hoffer.



“This year’s Montaigne Medalists cover a spectrum of urgent and emerging topics,” said Christopher Klim, Chair of the Eric Hoffer Award. The winning titles include discussions on contemporary religion, sociological analysis, and geopolitical memoir. “Each title employs interpretive experience and fact to illuminate our reality.”

Here is the current short list of award finalists in alphabetical order:

- \* *Disputed Truth: Memoirs, Vol. 2*, Hans Kung, Continuum International
- \* *Generation We*, Eric Greenberg with Karl Weber, Pachatusan
- \* *Red Zone: Five Bloody Years in Baghdad*, Oliver Poole, Reportage Press

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