

# Will Rogers Gold Medallions Announced

*Western Authors and Poets Celebrated at the Will Rogers Medallion Awards*

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EINPresswire.com/ -- Gold medallion recipients of the 2022 Will Rogers Medallion Awards (WRMA) were announced during the organization's annual awards banquet in Fort Worth's fabled Stockyard District this past weekend.



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The honorees were selected from entries from 24 states and two countries. A complete list of all award recipients is available at the Will Rogers Medallion Award website at <https://www.willrogersmedallionaward.net/2022-wrma-finalists>.

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Having my name in any way connected to Will Rogers and the Will Rogers Medallion Award is the highest honor I can imagine.”

*Craig Johnson, author of the Longmire Series*

Entries are now being accepted for the 2023 WRMA competition with entry forms and instructions at <https://www.willrogersmedallionaward.net/entry-form>.

Top 2022 WRMA Recipients:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Robert Vaughan, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Golden Lariat (For outstanding service and dedication to the art of storytelling about the American West): Waynetta Ausmus, Tom Bean, Texas

Illustrator of the Year: Jeanne Bowman, Sidney, Montana.

Western Fiction—Traditional (Pre-1900): Pamela Nowak, *Never Let Go: Survival of the Lake Shetek Women*, published by Five Star.

Western Fiction—Modern (Post-1900): Jane Kirkpatrick, *The Healing of Natalie Curtis*, published by Revell.

Western Romance: Shanna Hatfield, *Holiday Hope*, published by Wholesale Hearts Publishing.

Western Mystery: Craig Johnson, *Daughter of the Morning Star*, published by Viking Books.  
Inspirational Western Fiction: Sally Harper Bates, *Rusty's Remuda*, published by Arizona Cowboy Connection.

Western Short Story: Charlotte Hinger, "The Book Mama," published in the *Librarians of the West* anthology by Five Star.

Western Nonfiction: James Bailey Blackshear and Glen Sample Ely, *Confederates and Comancheros: Skullduggery and Double-Dealing in the Texas-New Mexico Borderlands*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Western Biography & Memoir: Chris Enss, *The Lady and the Mountain Man: Isabella Bird, Rocky Mountain Jim, and their Unlikely Friendship*, published by TwoDot Books.

Western Maverick: John Hafnor, *Lakota Cowboy*, published by Speaking Volumes.

Young Readers—Western Fiction: Nancy Oswald, *Bats, Bandits & Buggies*, published by Burro Books.

Young Readers—Western Fiction/Illustrated: Emily Crawford Wilson, author, and Jeanne Bowman, illustrator, *Charlie Russell and the Gnomes of Bull Head Lodge*, published by the South Dakota Historical Society Press.

Young Readers—Western Nonfiction: Nancy Plain and Rocky Gibbons, editors, *Why Cows Need Cowboys: And Other Seldom Told Tales from the American West*, published by TwoDot Books.

Young Readers—Western Nonfiction/Illustrated: Steph Lehmann, author and illustrator, *Montana History for Kids in 50 Objects: With 50 Fun Activities!*, published by FarCountry Press.

Western Photographic Essay: Howard Kazanjian and Chris Enss, *Happy Trails: A Pictorial Celebration of the Life and Times of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans*, published by Trafalgar Square Books.

Western Cookbook: Natalie Bright, *Keep 'Em Full and Keep 'Em Rollin: The All American Chuck Wagon Cookbook*, published by TwoDot Books.

Western Humor—Written: J.v.L. Bell, *Murder at Buckskin Joe*, published by Reverberant Media.

Cowboy Poetry-Recorded: Marleen Bussma, *Deep Tracks*, published by Dammeron Valley Publishing.

Cowboy Poetry-Written: Bruce Roseland, *Heart of the Prairie*, published by Scurfpea Publishing.

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