

High Plains Book Award

First Book Finalists



2021

- *The Big Quiet: One Woman's Horseback Ride Home* by Lisa D. Stewart
- *The Response of Weeds* by Bertrand Bickersteth (Winner)
- *Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

2020

- *The Cheyenne Story: An Interpretation of Courage* by Gerry Robinson
- *Earth to Charlie* by Justin Olson,
- *Reckless Steps Toward Sanity* by Judith Sara Gelt (Winner)

2019

- *Double! Not Half* by Rodney Gottula
- *One-Sentence Journal: Short Poems and Essays From The World At Large* by Chris La Tray (Winner)
- *Women Who Dig: Farming, Feminism and the Fight to Feed the World* by Trina Moyles

2018

- *Bad Kansas* by Becky L. Mandelbaum (Winner)
- *Encountering Riel* by David Orr
- *The Widow's Guide to Edible Mushrooms* by Chauna Craig

2017

- *Hurt People* by Cote Smith (Winner)
- *Improbable Fortunes* by Jeffrey Price
- *Riversong* by Alice
- *The Waiting Place* by Sharron Arksey

2016

- *The Actor* by Beth Hunter McHugh (Winner)
- *The Bookseller* by Cynthia Swanson
- *The Wild Inside* by Christine Carbo

2015

- *Altitude Adjustment: A Quest for Love, Home, and Meaning in the Tetons* by Mary Beth Baptiste
- *Badluck Way: A Year on the Ragged Edge of the West* by Bryce Andrews (Winner)
- *Montana State Parks: Complete Guide and Travel Companion* by Kristen Imbody and Erin Madison

2014

- *The Last Good Halloween*, Giano Cromley
- *Montana*, Gwen Florio (Winner)
- *Wounded*, Barbara Joyce-Hawryluk

2013

- *The Anatomy of Edouard Beupre*, Sarah Kathryn York (Winner)
- *The Boarding House*, Marcia Melton
- *The Boys of Company K*, Lee Cullimore
- *Fobbit*, David Abrams

2012

- *American Masculine*, Shann Ray, (Winner)
- *The Big Sky, By and By*, Ed Kemmick
- *Kings of Colorado*, David E. Hilton
- *Rim Haven*, Lynne Montague

2011

- *Bound Like Grass: A Memoir of the Western High Plains*, Ruth McLaughlin (Winner)
- *In Poetic Silence: The Floral Paintings of Joseph H. Sharp*, Thomas Minckler
- *Prairie Feast: A Writer's Journey Home for Dinner*, Amy Jo Ehman

2010

- *600 Hours of Edward*, Craig Lancaster (Winner)
- *Heavy Burdens on Small Shoulders: The Labour of Pioneer Children on the Canadian Prairies*, Sandra Rollings-Magnusson
- *Seldom Seen: A Journey into the Great Plains*, Patrick Dobson

2009

- *Horses That Buck: The Story of Champion Bronc Rider Bill Smith*, Margot Kahn (Winner)
- *Sherlock Holmes: The Montana Chronicles*, John S. Fitzpatrick
- *Wind River Country: Hidden Heart of Wyoming*, Bayard Fox

2008

- *Migration Patterns: Stories*, Gary Schanbacher (Winner)
- *Turpentine*, Spring Warren
- *Where the Rivers Run North*, Sam Morton

2007

- *Copper Chorus: Mining, Politics, and the Montana Press, 1889-1959*, Dennis L. Swibold
- *Jay Cooke's Gamble: the Northern Pacific Railroad, the Sioux, and the Panic of 1873*, M. John Lubetkin (Winner)
- *One Night in a Bad Inn*, Christy Leskovar