

# Will Rogers Gold Medallions Announced

FORT WORTH, TX, UNITED STATES, October 23, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Gold medallion recipients of the 2024 Will Rogers Medallion Awards (WRMA) were announced during the organization's annual awards banquet in Fort Worth's fabled Stockyard District this past weekend.

The honorees were selected from entries in 23 categories from 35 states. A complete list of all award recipients is available at the [Will Rogers Medallion Award](https://www.willrogersmedallionaward.net) website at <https://www.willrogersmedallionaward.net/2024wrmawinners>.



Will Rogers Medallion Award

Entries for the 2025 WRMA competition will be accepted starting Nov. 1. Details are available at <https://www.willrogersmedallionaward.net/contest-info>.

Top 2024 WRMA Recipients and publishers are:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jane Kirkpatrick

Golden Lariat: Bob Boze Bell, publisher, True West magazine, for outstanding service and dedication to the art of storytelling about the American West

Illustrator of the Year: Joni Franks

Western Fiction—Modern (Post-1900): The Ways of Water, Teresa H. Janssen, She Writes Press

Western Fiction—Traditional (Pre-1900): Changing Woman: A Novel of the Camp Grant Massacre, Venetia Hobson Lewis, Bison Books

Western Humor—Written: Never Dull!, Heather Sharp, Heather Sharp Publishing

Western Romance: Tastefully Texas, K.S. Jones, Wolfpack Publishing

Western Mystery: The Longmire Defense, By Craig Johnson, Viking

Inspirational Western Fiction: Fair Haven, Laura Conner Kestner, Sycamore House Publishing

Western Short Story: "A Death of Crows," Michael Norman, Saddlebag Dispatches

Western Nonfiction (TIE): The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota, and an American Inheritance, Rebecca Clarren, Viking; and Montana: A Paper Trail, Thomas Minckler, Montana Historical

Society Press

Western Short Nonfiction: "The Klondike," Mike Coppock, Wild West magazine

Western Biography & Memoir: Red Cloud and the Indian Trader: The Remarkable Friendship of the Sioux Chief and J.W. Dear in the Last Days of the Frontier, Marilyn Dear Nelson and Chris Nelson, Globe Pequot

Western Maverick: The Last Man: A Novel of the 1927 Santa Claus Bank Robbery, Thomas Goodman, Mainsail Media

Young Readers—Western Fiction: A Sky Full of Song, Susan Lynn Meyer, Union Square Kids

Young Readers—Western Fiction/Illustrated: The Healing Lodge, Barbara L. Clouse, illustrated by Gabby Correia, Young Dragons

Young Readers—Western Nonfiction: Bass Reeves: Legendary Lawman of the Wild West, Billie Holladay Skelley, Crossing Time Press

Young Readers—Western Nonfiction/Illustrated: Will Rogers and His Great Presidential Pals, Bart Taylor, illustrated by Greg White, Yorkshire Publishing

Western Photographic Essay: Edward S. Curtis: Unpublished Plains, Edward Curtis, Coleen Graybill and John Edward Graybill, Curtis Legacy Foundation

Western Cookbook: The 7 Up Ranch Cookbook, Kathy McCraine, Burro Creek Publishing

Western Film—Drama: Teller's Camp, Jared Zabel (writer/director/producer) and Bryce Zabel (executive producer), Wayward Son Production

Western Film—Documentary: The Real Wild West: "Boom and Bust," Episode 3, Sarah Burns (director/executive producer/writer), Alex Sherratt (writer/executive producer), Steve Burns (executive producer), and Jorge Franzini (executive producer), Roller Coaster Road Productions

Western Poetry-Recorded: The Corps of Discovery, L.J. Martin, Buttonwillow Books

Western Poetry-Written: Bootjack, John S. Nelson, Pasque Press

Cowboy Written Poetry: Real: A Rodear of Poetry, Betty Lynne McCarthy, Dan Hartman, Jim Crotts, Robert Dennis, Natalie G'Schwind, Karen Stockett, Hoss Balsam and Chantz Hubing, Sunlit Silver Bit Publishing

Cowboy Recorded Poetry: Provin' Up Wise, Rik "Yonder" Goodell, Yonderin' Tales

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