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Library of Virginia Announces Finalists for the 13th Annual Literary Awards

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(Richmond, Virginia) – Nine authors are the finalists for the Library of Virginia’s 13th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards honoring Virginia authors or, in the case of nonfiction, works on a Virginia subject. Two additional authors will receive honorable mention.

The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from 161 books nominated for the awards. The winners in each category will be selected from among these finalists and announced at a gala celebration on October 16, 2010, at the Library of Virginia.

Poetry

- Fred D’Aguiar *Continental Shelf*
- Sarah Kennedy *Home Remedies*
- Debra Nystrom *Bad River Road*

The judges also selected an honorable mention in the poetry category: *Illustrating the Machine that Makes the World* by Joshua Poteat.

Fiction

- Ramola D *Temporary Lives: Stories*
- Barbara Kingsolver *The Lacuna*
- Josh Weil *The New Valley*

The judges also selected an honorable mention in the fiction category: *Basil’s Dream* by Christine Hale.

Nonfiction

- Woody Holton *Abigail Adams*
- David A. Taylor *Soul of a People*
- Melvin I. Urofsky *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life*

The Library of Virginia’s annual literary awards were first given in 1998 to recognize the best books published the previous year by a Virginia author or, in the case of nonfiction, on a Virginia theme.

This year’s finalists include Debra Nystrom, who received the poetry prize in 2004 for *Torn Sky*.

Woody Holton, a finalist this year for nonfiction, received the People’s Choice Award in 2008 for *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*. David Taylor, who is a finalist this year in the nonfiction category for *Soul of a People*, was a fiction finalist last year for *Success: Stories*.

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The finalists for the 2010 awards include authors who have received numerous honors including the Orange Prize, the Bancroft Prize, the Whitbread Prize for Best First Novel, the National Humanities Medal, and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships. Many of this year's books have made their way into the ranks of bestsellers.

The winners of the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awards will be announced on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the 13th Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors & Friends. This gala event, sponsored by Dominion, attracts authors, publishers, and those who enjoy the written word. Award-winning author Adriana Trigiani will again serve as host for this event. Lee Smith will be honored this year as the recipient of the Literary Lifetime Achievement Award.

The winners of the People's Choice Award, the Weinstein Poetry Prize, and the Whitney & Scott Cardozo Award for Children's Literature also will be announced that evening. Winners of the fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and lifetime achievement awards will receive a \$3,500 monetary award and a crystal replica of a book.

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