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Library of Virginia Announces Finalists for the 16th Annual Literary Awards

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Nine authors are the finalists for the Library of Virginia's 16th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards honoring Virginia authors or, in the case of nonfiction, works on a Virginia subject. The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from 180 books nominated for the awards. The winners in each category will be selected from among these finalists-

Poetry

- Claudia Emerson *Secure the Shadow*
- David Huddle *Blacksnake at the Family Reunion*
- LuAnn Keener-Mikenas *Homeland*

Fiction

- Clifford Garstang *What the Zhang Boys Know*
- Kevin Powers *The Yellow Birds*
- Christopher Tilghman *The Right-Hand Shore*

Nonfiction

- Scott W. Berg *38 Nooses: Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier's End*
- Cynthia A. Kierner *Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Monticello: Her Life and Times*
- Heather Andrea Williams *Help Me to Find My People: The African American Search for Family Lost in Slavery*

The Library of Virginia's annual literary awards were first given in 1998 to recognize the best books published the previous year by Virginia authors or on a Virginia theme. The winners in each of the three categories receive a monetary prize of \$3,000.

This year's finalists include David Huddle, who won the Library's 2012 award for fiction, and Claudia Emerson, two-time Library of Virginia poetry award finalist, former Poet Laureate of Virginia, and winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. Kevin Powers, another of this year's finalists, was a finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2012 National Book Award for Fiction, and won the 2013 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Fiction.

R. T. Smith, writer-in-residence at Washington and Lee University, editor of W & L's literary journal, *Shenandoah*, and author of 13 books of poetry, is the recipient of the 2013 Carole Weinstein Prize in Poetry. Internationally acclaimed poet Charles Wright will be honored this year as the recipient of the Literary Lifetime Achievement Award. The first Art in Literature: The Mary Lynn Kotz Award will be presented to Turkish novelist, screenwriter, and recipient of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature Orhan Pamuk. This award is presented in partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

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The winners of the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awards will be announced on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at the 16th Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors and 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 the evening.

For ticket information, please call 804.356.1928.

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