



**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL
FOR THE HUMANITIES
BOOK AWARD**

*Request for Nominations
for the
Twenty-first Annual
New Jersey Council for the Humanities
Book Award - 2009*

NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES

21ST ANNUAL BOOK AWARD – 2009

CRITERIA

1. The **author has a New Jersey connection** either by birth, residence, or occupation at the time of submission, **or the book is concerned primarily with a significant New Jersey subject**. In either case, the author must clearly possess and display knowledge of the subject.
2. The subject of the book is in one or several of the Humanities fields as defined by the National Endowment for the Humanities, including, but not limited to: literature, language, aesthetics, jurisprudence, history, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods.
3. The book is a work of nonfiction that encourages critical reflection and/or makes scholarly knowledge available and exciting to a general audience.
4. **The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2009 for books published between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.**
5. Normally, edited or multiple authored works are not eligible.
6. A book published in a foreign language is eligible only if it is available in English translation.
7. Reprints may be nominated only if they were not nominated in the year that they were originally published.
8. The winning author will attend the presentation ceremony.

Note: The Award is annual and is granted to a single book. The NJCH reserves the right to make no award in a year in which no book is considered worthy of the Award. Likewise, the Council reserves the right to select up to five books as “Honor Books” during the competition, or to make no such designation in a year in which no books are considered worthy of this designation.

For each title nominated, please submit the following:

Completed application

6 reading copies of the book (hardcover whenever possible)

A brief description of the book and a statement of why it deserves this award

Press kit for nominated title, including author photograph(s)

Important reminder: Publishers may nominate more than one title.

Award: \$1,000 to the author

RECENT PAST WINNERS

(For a complete list of winners, including Honor Books, contact NJCH.)

- 2008 Michael B. Oren, *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present* (W. W. Norton & Company, 2007)
- 2007 Jonathan Alter, *The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope* (Simon and Schuster, 2006)
- 2006 Patricia Tyson Stroud, *The Man Who Had Been King: The American Exile of Napoleon's Brother Joseph* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005)
- 2005 David Hackett Fischer, *Washington's Crossing* (Oxford University Press, 2004)
- 2004 Suzanne Lebsock, *A Murder in Virginia: Southern Justice on Trial* (W.W. Norton & Company, 2003)
- 2003 Arthur Hertzberg, *A Jew in America: My Life and a People's Struggle for Identity* (Harper San Francisco, 2002)
- 2002 Jonathan Rose, *The Intellectual Life of the British Working Classes* (Yale University Press, 2001)
- 2001 Hendrik Hartog, *Man and Wife in America: A History* (Harvard University Press, 2000)
- 2000 Gina Kolata, *Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It* (Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux, 1999)
- 1999 Sylvia Nasar, *A Beautiful Mind: A Biography of John Forbes Nash, Jr.* (Simon and Schuster, 1998)

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NOMINATION FORM

Please submit a separate form for each title nominated.

Publisher

Contact Person (name and title) _____

Company Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Author

Author's Name _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Book

Nominated Book Title _____

This book has a New Jersey connection through the: Author _____ Subject _____ Both _____

Author's connection, if applicable (Explain briefly) _____

NJ Subject, if applicable (Explain briefly) _____

Date of Publication _____

List Price: Hardcover _____ Soft cover _____

Humanities discipline(s) featured in the book:

_____ history (including music & art)	_____ literature	_____ archaeology
_____ philosophy	_____ jurisprudence	_____ art theory/criticism
_____ linguistics	_____ ethics	_____ other _____
_____ comparative religion	_____ language	

Any of the following social sciences provided there is humanistic content:

_____ political science	_____ psychology	_____ economics
_____ sociology	_____ anthropology	

Enclosures (Nomination Deadline: March 15, 2009)

1. Six reading copies _____ enclosed _____ being sent under separate cover
2. Brief description of the book and a statement of why it deserves this award
3. Press kit with author photograph

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