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36th ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOOK AWARDS

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Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 5:30 pm

Koret Auditorium at the San Francisco Main Library

100 Larkin Street, Civic Center, San Francisco

Followed by book signing and reception in the Latino/Hispanic Community Room

Celebrate the Bay Area's vibrant literary scene when the 36th annual Northern California Book Awards recognize the best published works of 2016 and celebrate Northern California authors on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 5:30 pm at Koret Auditorium, San Francisco Main Library, 100 Larkin Street in San Francisco. Poet, activist, and scholar Judy Grahn will be honored with the Fred Cody Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service; the award carries an honorarium of \$1,000. The NCBR Recognition Award will be presented to *Power to the People: The World of the Black Panthers*. Authors will read briefly from the winning books. A book signing and reception with the authors follows the Awards Ceremony in the Latino/Hispanic Room. Nominated books will be for sale by Readers Bookstore at the Main/Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. Eligible books are divided into eight categories: Fiction, General Nonfiction, Creative Nonfiction, Poetry, Children's Literature (Younger Readers and Older Readers), and Translation (Poetry and Fiction). Northern California reviewers and editors, members of the Northern California Book Reviewers, select the awards by reading the books and discussing their merits. All of the nominated books, the NCBR's recommended reading list, will be saluted and celebrated at the ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies: Oscar Villalon, ZYZZYVA Managing Editor

2017 NCBA nominees:

FICTION

The Angel of History, Rabih Alameddine, Atlantic Monthly Press

All the Birds in the Sky, Charlie Jane Anders, Tor Books

Sons and Daughters of Ease and Plenty, Ramona Ausubel, Riverhead

Moonglow, Michael Chabon, Harper

Homegoing, Yaa Gyasi, Alfred A. Knopf

The Portable Veblen, Elizabeth McKenzie, Penguin Press

GENERAL NONFICTION

Jungle of Stone: The Extraordinary Journey of John L. Stephens and Frederick Catherwood, and the Discovery of the Lost Civilization of the Maya, William Carlsen, William Morrow

Algorithms to Live By: The Computer Science of Human Decisions, Brian Christian and Tom Griffiths, Henry Holt and Co.

Democracy Now! Twenty Years Covering the Movements Changing America, Amy Goodman, with David Goodman and Denis Moynihan, Simon & Schuster

Spain in Our Hearts: Americans in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, Adam Hochschild, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right, Arlie Hochschild, The New Press

CREATIVE NONFICTION

Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction, Mary Ellen Hannibal, The Experiment

When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi, Random House

Changing Season: A Father, A Daughter, A Family Farm, David Mas Masumoto with Nikiko Masumoto, Heyday

Am I Alone Here? Notes on Living to Read and Reading to Live, Peter Orner, Catapult

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, J.D. Vance, Harper

POETRY

Dated Emcees, Chinaka Hodge, City Lights Books

The Persistence of Longing, Lynne Knight, Terrapin Books

A Provisional Map of the Lost Continent, Gregory Mahrer, Fordham University Press

the field, Robert Andrew Perez, Omnidawn

Look, Solmaz Sharif, Graywolf Press

TRANSLATION IN FICTION

The Deep Sea Diver's Syndrome, Serge Brussolo, translated from the French by Edward Gauvin, Melville House Books

Quiet Creature on the Corner, João Gilberto Noll, translated from the Portuguese by Adam Morris, Two Lines Press

The Slow Waltz of Turtles, Katherine Pancol, translated from the French by William Rodarmor, Penguin Books

TRANSLATION IN POETRY

Save Twilight: Selected Poems, Julio Cortázar, translated from the Spanish by Stephen Kessler, City Lights Books

Abyss, Ya Hsien, translated from the Chinese by John Balcom, Zephyr Press

Citizens of Beauty: Poems of Jean S nec, translated from the French by Jack Hirschman, Michigan State University Press

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: YOUNGER READERS

The Airport Book, Lisa Brown, Roaring Brook Press

The Sound of Silence, Katrina Goldsaito, illustrator Julia Kuo, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

The Land of Walloo/La Tierra de Walloo, Georgia L. Lininger, illustrator Jo Gershman, Mascot Books

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: OLDER READERS

Cloud and Wallfish, Anne Nesbet, Candlewick

Rad Women Worldwide, Kate Schatz, illustrator Miriam Klein Stahl, Ten Speed Press

The Reader: Book One of Sea of Ink and Gold, Traci Chee, G.P. Putnam's Sons

NCBR RECOGNITION AWARD (for an exceptional book or literary figure or organization)

Power to the People: The World of the Black Panthers, Bobby Seale and Stephen Shames, Harry N. Abrams

2017 NCBA Cody Award recipient:

FRED CODY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT & SERVICE

Poet, activist, cultural theorist Judy Grahn

Judy Grahn came to fame in the 1960s as a feminist poet and an activist—she picketed the White House in 1965 for Gay rights—and became an iconic figure fueling second wave feminism, gay and lesbian activism, and women's spirituality movements. Author of six collections of poetry, including *Edward the Dyke and Other Poems* (1971) and *love belongs to those who do the feeling* (2008), with a seventh forthcoming in fall 2017, an ecotopian novel, short stories, articles, and four nonfiction books, including *Another Mother Tongue: Gay Words*, *Gay Worlds* and *Blood, Bread, and Roses: How Menstruation Created the World*, she has recently published both *The Judy Grahn Reader* and the memoir *A Simple Revolution: The Making of an Activist Poet*.

She co-founded Gay Women's Liberation and the Women's Press Collective in 1969, and currently serves as Research Faculty for the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, California. She is former director of Women's Spirituality MA and Creative Inquiry MFA programs at New College of California. She is a performer; her work has been put to music by jazz groups, rock groups, chorale groups; her book-length poems *Queen of Wands* and *Queen of Swords* have been choreographed and staged, and two CDs have been released of her collaborations with singer-songwriter Anne Carol Mitchell. Judy Grahn is truly a fountain of eloquence, courage, and radiant wisdom.

History of the Northern California Book Awards

Since 1981, the Northern California Book Reviewers (formerly BABRA), a volunteer group of book reviewers and book review editors, has honored the work of Northern California authors. One of the group's founders was Fred Cody, proprietor of the famed independent bookstore in Berkeley. Shortly after his death, the group created an award in his name to honor a lifetime of achievements and distinguished service to the literary community. The Fred Cody Award for lifetime achievement is presented every year to a respected member of the literary community. Previous recipients include Susan Griffin, Willis Barnstone, Adam Hochschild, Kay Ryan, Michael Pollan, Al Young, Andrew Hoyem, Diane di Prima, Orville Schell, Philip Levine, Ronald Takaki, Francisco X. Alarc n, Carolyn Kizer, Ishmael Reed, Maxine Hong Kingston, Robert Hass, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Malcolm Margolin, Adrienne Rich, Wallace Stegner, Kay Boyle, William Everson, Alice Walker, Gary Snyder, Jessica Mitford, Tillie Olsen, M.F.K. Fisher, Robert Duncan, Nancy J. Peters, and Tamim Ansary.

The Awards' Sponsors

The 2017 Awards are presented by Northern California Book Reviewers, *Poetry Flash*, Women's National Book Association-San Francisco Chapter, PEN West, Mechanics' Institute Library, San Francisco Public Library and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

Attention Calendar Editors: General event information

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NCBA nominee list and more information will be available June 3-4, at the Bay Area Book Festival, Booth 43, Civic Center Park, Berkeley.

The winners of the Northern California Book Awards will be announced to the press and public at the ceremony on June 27, 2017.

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