

## Western Books List from Western Traditions with Terri Farley and Suzanne Morgan Williams OLA/MPLA Conference, Oklahoma City, March 9, 2023

### Picture Books:

#### Nonfiction:

Coury, Tina Nichols, illustrated by Wern, Sally, *Hanging Off Jefferson's Nose* by, Comport, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012. (South Dakota SD)

Hooks, Gwendolyn *Unspeakable* (Oklahoma)

Krull, Kathleen, Illustrated by Morales, Yuyi, *Harvesting Hope The Story of Cesar Chavez*, Harcourt, 2003 (Arizona AZ)

#### Fiction:

Maillard Kevin Noble (Author), Martinez-Neal Juana (Illustrator) *Fry Bread, A Native American Family Story*, Roaring Brook, 2019. (general West)>

Sauer, Tammy, *Cowboy Camp*, 2006, Sterling (general West)

Scott, Anne Herbert *One Good Horse Counting Book*, Greenwillow, 1990 (general West)

Tingle, Tim, *Crossing Bok Chito*, Cinco Puntos Press, 2008 (Oklahoma)

Tingle, Tim, *Saltie Pie*, Cinco Puntos Press, 2010 (Oklahoma)

Wilson, Karen Collett (Nevada)

*Pogonip Magic* - 2002

*The White Fawn* - 2003 (?)

*The Curious Adventure: A Summer Deer Tale* - 2006

*Autumn Rescue* - 2004

### Poetry and Graphic Novel:

Ochoa, Annette Pina, Franco, Betsy, and Gourdine, Traci L., editors. *Night is Gone, Day Is Still Coming; Stories and Poems by American Indian Teens and Young Adults*, Candlewick, 2003. (General, native authors)

Sheinkin, Steven Bertozzi, Nick (Graphic Novel adaptation) *The Bomb; the Story of the Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*, Roaring Brook, 2023 (New Mexico, NM)

### Early Reader:

Tunnell, Michael O., *Mailing May*, 1997, Greenwillow (Idaho)

**Middle Grade:****Fiction:**

Alexander, Jill S. *The Sweetheart of Prosper County*, Feiwel and Friends, 2009. (Texas TX)

Applegate, Kathryn *Home of the Brave*, Feiwel and Friends, 2007. (Minnesota, MN)

Bruchac, Joseph *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*. Dial 2005.

Curtis, Christopher Paul, *Bud Not Buddy*, Random House Children's, 1999. (Journey)

Farley, Terri, *The Phantom Stallion Series, The Wild One*, Simon and Schuster, 2023. (NV)

Hesse, Karen, *Out of the Dust*, Scholastic, 1997. (Oklahoma, OK)

Karr, Kathleen, *The Great Turkey Walk*, 2000, (Colorado)

Larson, Kirby *Hattie Big Sky*, Yearling Reissue, 2008. (Montana MT)

Parry, Rosanne, illustrated by Armino, Monica, *A Wolf Called Wander* Anderson Press, London, 2019. (OR)

Parry, Rosanne *Heart of a Shepherd*, Random House 2009. (eastern Oregon)

Williams, Suzanne Morgan, *Bull Rider*, Margaret K. MacElderry, 2009. (Nevada NV)

**Nonfiction:**

Bruchac, Joseph, *Jim Thorpe Original All American*, Dial Books, 2006 (Kansas, KS)

Farley, Terri, photos by Farlow. Melissa, *Wild at Heart* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. (general, West)

**Young Adult:****Fiction:**

Avashti, Swati, *Split Ember* Reprint Edition, 2012 (NM)

Farley, Terri *Seven Tears Into the Sea*, Simon & Schuster, 2005 fantasy (California)

Hopkins, Ellen

*Crank*, Margaret K. MacElderry, 2004.

*Burned* Margaret K. MacElderry, 2006, reissue 2013.

*Glass* Margaret K. MacElderry, 2007 And more (Nevada)

**Adult:**

**Fiction:**

Baker, Chandler *The Whisper Network*, Flatiron Books, 2019 feminist thriller contemporary (Dallas, Texas)

Box, C.J. *Dark Sky*, G.P. Putnam & Sons 2021 (and other Joe Pickett mysteries) (Wyoming)

Doig, Ivan, *English Creek*, 1987. (Montana)

*Dancing at the Rascal Fair*, 1996

*Ride With Me*, Mariah Montana, 2005

Erdrich, Louise *The Night Watchman*, Harper, 2020. (MN)

Guthrie, A.B., *The Big Sky*, Mariner Books, 2002 (general West)

Guthrie, A.B., *The Way West* - Mariner Books, 2002 (general West)

Galvin, James, *The Meadow*, Holt, 1993 (Colorado, Wyoming)

Graham, Scott, *Canyonland Carnage*, Torrey House Press, 2021. (recommended MPLA Indie Bookstores) (AZ)

Haruf, Kent, *Plainsong* trilogy - 2001 - Alfred A. Knopf 1999 (Colorado)

*Eventide* - 2004

*Benediction* - 2013

Johnson, Craig, *Next to the Last Stand*, Penguin, 2021. (and other Longmire books) (MT)

Roberts, Nora, *Montana Sky*, Berkeley, 1997 (Montana) contemporary romance

Rutledge, Lynda, *West with Giraffes*, 2021 (Journey from New York to San Diego)

Steinbeck, John, *Grapes of Wrath* Viking; Anniversary edition 2014 (OK)

Taylor, Adams, , *No Exit*, William Morrow, 2019 intense thriller (Colorado - Idaho)

Towles, Amor, *The Lincoln Highway*, Penguin Random House, 2021. (Nebraska, NE)

Twain, Mark, *Roughing It*, (1872) SeaWolf Press 2018 (Nevada)

Walls, Jeanette, *Half Broke Horses*, Scribner (reprint) 2010. (Arizona, AZ)

Walls, Jeanette, *The Glass Castle*, Scribner, 2006 (Battle Mountain, Nevada and other small towns)

Wiggs, Susan, *The Lost and Found Bookshop*, William Morrow, 2020, (San Francisco) contemporary romance

**Nonfiction:**

Doig, Ivan, *This House of Sky*, (Memoir) Mariner Book 1980

Dufurrena, Carolyn, *Sharing Fencelines: Three Friends Write from Nevada's Sagebrush Corner*, 2002.

Griffin, Shaun, *Anthem for a Burnished Land: A Desert Memoir*. Southern Utah University Press 2016 (Nevada)

Hansen, Twyla and Hasselstrom, Linda, *Dirt Songs: A Plains Duet* Backwaters Press 2011

Hasselstrom, Linda, *Feels Like Far: A Rancher's Life on the Great Plains* - 1999

*No Place Like Home: Notes from a Western Life*, 2010 (South Dakota)

Hernandez Thompson, Walter, *The Compton Cowboys*, HarperCollins, 2020 (California)

Houston, Pam - *Deep Creek* - W. W. Norton & Company 2019 (Memoir - Colorado)

Hussa, Linda - *Where the Wind Lives*, poetry, Gibbs Smith, 1994 (Great Basin)

McCullough, David, *Trauman*, Simon and Schuster, 1992. (Missouri, MS)

Nelson, Megan Kate, *Saving Yellowstone*, Scribner 2022. (recommended MPLA Indie Bookstores) (Wyoming, WY)

Proulx, Annie, *Close Range*, Wyoming Stories, Scribner 2007 (Wyoming)

Reisner, Marc, *Cadillac Desert*, Penguin, 1993. (General West)

Winnemucca, Sarah, *Life Among the Paiutes*, Zanjani, Sally, Bison Books, 2004.

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