



Go On Girl! Book Club
Celebrating a Legacy of Black Literature

Award Recipients

2007 Award Winners

Awarded at the 16th Ceremony, Toronto, Canada
June 13 – 15, 2008

Author of the Year	Brandon Massey	<i>The Other Brother</i>
New Author	Chris Gardener	<i>The Pursuit of Happyness</i>
Unpublished Writer Award	Ashley Williams	
Aspiring Writer's Educational Scholarship	Dachelle Chenault	

2006 Award Winners

Awarded at the 15th Ceremony, Cleveland, Ohio
June 13 – 15, 2008

Author of the Year	Pearl Cleage	<i>Babylon Sisters</i>
New Author	Immaculee Ilibagiza	<i>Left to Tell</i>
Life Achievement	Toni Morrison	
Unpublished Writer Award	Robin Wilson	

2005 Award Winners

Awarded at the 14th Annual Ceremony, Tempe, Arizona
June 1 - 4, 2006

Author of the Year	Diane Mckinney-Whetstone	<i>Leaving Cecil Street</i>
New Author	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>
Life Achievement	Ruby Dee	Activist/Actor/Writer
Life Achievement	Ossie Davis	Activist/Actor/Writer
Vivian G. Harsh Historian's Life Achievement	John Hope Franklin	Historian/Writer/Activist

2004 Award Winners

Awarded at the 13th Annual Ceremony, Montego Bay, Jamaica, West Indies
May 19 - 22, 2005

Author of the Year	Stephen Carter	<i>The Emperor of Ocean Park</i>
New Author	Bridgett Davis	<i>Shifting Through Neutral</i>
Unpublished Writer Award	Camille Acker	

2003 Award Winners

Awarded at the 12th Annual Ceremony, Charleston, South Carolina
June 4 - 6, 2004

Author of the Year	Jewell Parker Rhodes	<i>Douglass' Women: a Novel</i>
New Author	Sheila Williams	<i>Dancing on the Edge of the Roof</i>
Special Recognition	Tracey Mitchell Brown	Co-Founder GOG, Outstanding & Dedicated Service
Unpublished Writer Award	Dujana Brockington	

2002 Award Winners

Awarded at the 11th Annual Ceremony, Brooklyn, New York
May 30 - June 1, 2003

Author of the Year	Persia Walker	<i>Harlem Redux</i>
New Author	Antwone Q. Fisher	<i>Finding Fish</i>
Lifetime Achievement	Maya Angelou	Distinguished Writer/Poet
Special Recognition	Howard Dodson	Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
	Una Mulzac	Liberation Book Store

2001 Award Winners

Awarded at the 10th Annual Ceremony, Indianapolis, Indiana
May 31 - June 2, 2002

Author of the Year	Elizabeth Nuñez	<i>Bruised Hibiscus</i>
New Authors	Michelle Andrea Bowen	<i>Church Folk</i>
	Lalita Tademy	<i>Cane River</i>
Unpublished Writer Award	Marie Evans	
Special Recognition	Black Xpressions Bookstore & Gallery	
Special Recognition	Donna Stokes	Distinguished Writer/Educator
Scholarship Award	Sue William	
Unpublished Writer	Carla Gerton	

2000 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 9th Annual Ceremony, Richmond, Virginia
June 1 - 3, 2001**

Author of the Year	Sister Souljah	<i>The Coldest Winter Ever</i>
New Author	Bernice McFadden	<i>Sugar</i>
Lifetime Achievement	Paule Marshall	Distinguished Writer
Unpublished Writer	Sharon Foster	
Scholarship Award	Nicole Alexander	

1999 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 8th Annual Ceremony, Brooklyn, New York
June 2 - 4, 2000**

Author of the Year	Sam Greenlee	<i>The Spook Who Sat by the Door</i>
New Author	Pearl Cleage	<i>What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day</i>
Lifetime Achievement	Gwendolyn Brooks	Distinguished Writer/Poet
Special Recognition	Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History & Literature	
Special Recognition	African American Images	
	Afrocentric Bookstore	Retailer
	Books Ink	Book Distributor
Unpublished Writer	Tara Owens Baldrige	

1998 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 7th Annual Ceremony, Seattle, Washington
May 21 - 23, 1999**

Author of the Year	Tananarive Due	<i>My Soul to Keep</i>
New Authors	Akousua Busia	<i>The Seasons of Beento Blackbird</i>
Special Recognition	Mona Lake Jones	Poet/Poet Laureate
Special Recognition	Charles Johnson	Distinguished Writer
Bookseller	Mary Lott	Elliot Bay Book Company

1997 Award Winners

Awarded at the 6th Annual Ceremony, Largo, Maryland
May 29 - 31, 1998

Author of the Year	Diane McKinney-Whetstone	<i>Tumbling</i>
New Authors	Virginia DeBerry & Donna Grant	<i>Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed You Made</i>
Life Achievement	Dorothy West	Distinguished Writer/Poet
Special Recognition	The Black Classic Press	

1996 Award Winners

Awarded at the 5th Annual Ceremony, Newark, New Jersey
May 30 - June 1, 1997

Author of the Year	Valerie Wilson Wesley	<i>Where Evil Sleeps</i>
New Author	Benilde Little	<i>Good Hair</i>
Special Recognition	The New Jersey Orators	

1995 Award Winners

Awarded at the 4th Annual Ceremony, Largo, Maryland
May 29 - 31, 1998

Author of the Year	Brenda Lane Richardson	<i>Chesapeake Song</i>
New Author	Connie Briscoe	<i>Sisters & Lovers</i>
Special Recognition	Future Literary Scholars	

1994 Award Winners

Awarded at the 3rd Annual Ceremony, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 19 - May 21, 1995

Author of the Year	Octavia Butler	<i>Parable of the Sower</i>
New Author	April Sinclair	<i>Coffee will Make You Black</i>
Special Recognition	Sonia Sanchez	Distinguished Writer/Poet/Activist

1993 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 2nd Annual Ceremony, Washington, District of Columbia
April 29 - May 1, 1994**

Author of the Year	Bebe Moore Campbell	<i>Your Blues Ain't Like Mine</i>
New Authors	Jill Nelson	<i>Volunteer Slavery</i>
	Nathan McCall	<i>Makes You Wanna Holler</i>
Special Recognition	Time-Life Books	<i>Voices of Triumph Series</i>
Special Recognition	Jubilee Yearbooks	<i>Birth of Christ</i>

1992 Award Winners

**Awarded at the FIRST Annual Ceremony, Brooklyn, New York
May 1, 1993**

Author of the Year	Gloria Naylor	<i>Bailey's Café</i>
New Authors	Barbara Neely	<i>Nouvelle Soul</i>
	Barbara Summers	<i>Blanche on the Lam</i>
Publisher of the Year	Beacon Press	