

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

2010 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 19th Ceremony, Washington, DC
May 20 – 22, 2011**

Female Author of the Year	Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa	<i>Daughters of the Stone</i>
Male Author of the Year	Kwei Quartey	<i>Wife of the Gods</i>
New Author of the Year	Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa	<i>Daughters of the Stone</i>
Life Achievement	Chinua Achebe	
Life Achievement	Samuel L. Delany	
Literary Beacon Award	Walter Mosely	
Unpublished Writer Award		
Scholarship Award		

2009 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 18th Ceremony, Birmingham, Alabama
June 11 – 13, 2010**

Author of the Year	Lawrence Hill	<i>Someone Knows My Name</i>
New Author	Jennifer Bazile	<i>The Black Girl Next Door</i>
Life Achievement	Sonia Sanchez	
Unpublished Writer Award	Leslie C. Youngblood	
Scholarship Award	Shavonne Ceruti	

2008 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 17th Ceremony, Houston, Texas
June 11 – 14, 2009**

Author(s) of the Year	Steven Barnes, Blair Underwood Tananarive Due	<i>Casanegra</i>
New Author	Ravi Howard	<i>Like Trees Walking</i>
Life Achievement	J. California Cooper	
Unpublished Writer Award	Bryne Christine Berry	
Scholarship Award	Nicole Drew	

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Unpublished Writer Award	Ashley Williams	

2006 Award Winners

Awarded at the 15th Ceremony, Cleveland, Ohio
June 1 – 3, 2007

Author of the Year **Pearl Cleage** *Babylon Sisters*
New Author **Immaculee Ilibagiza** *Left to Tell*
Life Achievement **Toni Morrison**
Unpublished Writer Award **Robin Wilson**
Scholarship Award **Dachelle Chenault**

2005 Award Winners

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

Author of the Year **Diane Mckinney-Whetstone** *Leaving Cecil Street*
New Author **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie** *Purple Hibiscus*
Life Achievement **Ruby Dee** Activist/Actor/Writer
Life Achievement **Ossie Davis** Activist/Actor/Writer
Literary Beacon Award **Terry McMillian**
Vivian G. Harsh Historian's Life Achievement **John Hope Franklin**
Historian/Writer/Activist
Unpublished Writer **Sue Williams**
Scholarship Award **Jamal Williams**

2004 Award Winners

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

Author of the Year **Stephen Carter** *The Emperor of Ocean Park*
New Author **Bridgett Davis** *Shifting Through Neutral*
Unpublished Writer Award **Camille Acker**
Scholarship Award **Michelle Burgess**

2003 Award Winners

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

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

2002 Award Winners

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

Author of the Year **Persia Walker** *Harlem Redux*
New Author **Antwone Q. Fisher** *Finding Fish*
Lifetime Achievement **Maya Angelou** Distinguished Writer/Poet
Special Recognition **Howard Dodson** Schomburg Center for
Research in Black Culture

Special Recognition **Una Mulzac** Liberation Book Store
Unpublished Writer **Jacinda Townsend**

2001 Award Winners

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

Author of the Year **Elizabeth Nuñez** *Bruised Hibiscus*
New Authors **Michele Andrea Bowen** *Church Folk*
Lalita Tademy *Cane River*
Special Recognition **Mari Evans** Distinguished Writer/Educator
Special Recognition **Donna Stokes** Black Expressions Bookstore & Gallery
Unpublished Writer **Sue Williams**
Scholarship Award **Carla Gerton**

2000 Award Winners

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

Author of the Year **Sister Souljah** *The Coldest Winter Ever*
New Author **Bernice McFadden** *Sugar*
Lifetime Achievement **Paule Marshall** Distinguished Writer
Unpublished Writer **Trina Gallop**
Scholarship Award **Nicole Alexander**

1999 Award Winners

Awarded at the 8th Annual Ceremony, Chicago, IL.
June 2 - 4, 2000

Author of the Year **Sam Greenlee** *The Spook Who Sat by the Door*
New Author **Pearl Cleage** *What Looks Like Crazy on an
Ordinary Day*
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** *My Soul to Keep*
New Authors **Akousua Busia** *The Seasons of Beento Blackbird*
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** *Tumbling*
New Authors **Virginia DeBerry & Donna Grant** *Tryin' to Sleep in the Bed
You Made*
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** *Where Evil Sleeps*
New Author **Benilde Little** *Good Hair*
Special Recognition **The New Jersey Orators**

1995 Award Winners

**Awarded at the 4th Annual Ceremony, St Louis, Missouri
May 31 - June 2, 1996**

Author of the Year **Brenda Lane Richardson** *Chesapeake Song*
New Author **Connie Briscoe** *Sisters & Lovers*
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** *Parable of the Sower*
New Author **April Sinclair** *Coffee will Make You Black*
New Author **Nathan McCall** *Makes You Wanna Holler*
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** *Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*
New Authors **Jill Nelson** *Volunteer Slavery*

Special Recognition **Time-Life Books** *Voices of Triumph Series*
Special Recognition **Jubilee Yearbooks** *Birth of Christ*

1992 Award Winners

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

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