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THE 2009 MIDWEST BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE AWARDS

The Midwest Booksellers Association and its 240+ locally owned and operated independent bookstore members announce the Award and Honor Book winners of the

2009 Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards

2009 AWARD WINNERS

Fiction

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle
David Wroblewski
(Ecco/HarperCollins)

Nonfiction

Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting
Michael Perry
(HarperCollins)

Poetry

Swimming With A Hundred Year Old Snapping Turtle
Freya Manfred
(Red Dragonfly Press)

Children's Picture Book

Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken
Kate DiCamillo, Illustrated by Harry Bliss
(Joanna Cotler Books/HarperCollins)

Children's Literature

The Graveyard Book
Neil Gaiman, Illustrated by Dave McKean
(HarperCollins Children's Books)

2009 HONOR BOOKS

Fiction

A Reliable Wife
Robert Goolrick
(Algonquin Books/Workman Publishing)

Nonfiction

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World
Vicki Myron with Bret Witter
(Grand Central Publishing/Hachette Book Group USA)

Poetry

Yellowrocket
Todd Boss
(W.W. Norton & Company)

Children's Picture Book

Snow
Cynthia Rylant, Illustrated by Lauren Stringer
(Harcourt Children's Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Children's Literature

Savvy
Ingrid Law
(Dial Books for Young Readers/Walden Media/Penguin Group (USA))

The **Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards** honor authors from the Midwest Booksellers Association (MBA) region and/or books about the region, which includes the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

These Award and Honor Book winners have been voted the top favorite books in each of the five award categories. They were both nominated and chosen entirely by the knowledgeable booksellers of the 240+ locally owned and operated independent bookstore members of the Midwest Booksellers Association. Five of the winning books are also **MIDWEST CONNECTIONS PICKS**, titles promoted by MBA and its member bookstores through the association's Midwest regional marketing program. These books include *Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs and Parenting*; *A Reliable Wife*; *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*; *Snow*; and *Savvy*.

The **2009 Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards** will be presented formally on September 25, 2009, during the 2009 Midwest Booksellers Association Trade Show in St. Paul, MN. Both Award and Honor Book recipients will speak at the event. This event is open to members of the Midwest Booksellers Association who are registered to attend the MBA Trade Show. It is not a public event. (Note: Credentialed members of the press are invited to contact the MBA office for more information if they are interested in attending the reception or other Trade Show events.)

MBA joins our booksellers in congratulating and warmly recommending these outstanding books and authors.

The **Midwest Booksellers Association** (MBA) is a regional not-for-profit trade association formally established in 1981 to promote retail bookselling and support professional independent booksellers throughout the region. Members include locally owned and operated independent bookstores; book publishers, distributors, reps, and vendors who do business with our bookstores; and other individuals and businesses allied to the book industry.

The **Midwest Booksellers Association's** member states include Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. You will find your local member bookstore or stores on our website: www.midwestbooksellers.org

The mission of the **Midwest Booksellers Association** is to strengthen Midwest independent booksellers and their partnerships within the larger bookselling and publishing community by providing opportunities to network and exchange information, educational programs, and tools to sell books to their customers and to grow a vibrant book culture.

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