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THE 2008 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

2008 Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards

2008 AWARD WINNERS

Fiction

Loving Frank: A Novel

Nancy Horan

(Ballantine Books/Random House)

Nonfiction

Little Heathens:

Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm

During the Great Depression

Mildred Armstrong Kalish

(Bantam Books/Random House)

Poetry

Valentines: Poems

Ted Kooser

Illustrated by Robert Hanna

(University of Nebraska Press)

Children's Picture Book

Agate: What Good Is a Moose?

Joy Morgan Dey and Nikki Johnson

(Lake Superior Port Cities)

Children's Literature

Little Klein

Anne Ylvisaker

(Candlewick Press)

2008 HONOR BOOKS

Fiction (TIE)

So Brave, Young, and Handsome

Leif Enger

(Atlantic Monthly Press / Grove/Atlantic, Inc.)

Whistling in the Dark

Lesley Kagen

(NAL/Penguin Group (USA), Inc.)

Nonfiction

The Florist's Daughter: A Memoir

Patricia Hampl

(Harcourt/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Poetry

Willow Room, Green Door:

New and Selected Poems

Deborah Keenan

(Milkweed Editions)

Children's Picture Book

Great Joy

Kate DiCamillo

Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

(Candlewick Press)

Children's Literature

The Gollywhopper Games

Jody Feldman

Illustrated by Victoria Jamieson

(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins)

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.

The **2008 Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards** will be presented formally on September 25, 2008, during the Midwest Booksellers Association's 28th Annual 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: <http://www.midwestbooksellers.org/locator/default.html>

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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