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OHIOANA ANNOUNCES OHIOANA BOOK AWARD FINALISTS

Columbus, OH – April 29, 2011 —The Ohioana Library has announced the 27 finalists for the 2011 Ohioana Book Awards. The Ohioana Awards were first given in 1942, with James B. “Scotty” Reston, Walter Havighurst, and Willard M. Kiplinger as the first recipients. During the past seventy years more than 400 books have been recognized with an Ohioana Book Award.

“This was an outstanding year for books by Ohio writers and books about Ohio and Ohioans,” said Linda Hengst, executive director of the Ohioana Library. “We receive 800-1,000 traditionally published books each year, which become eligible for the book awards, so the authors of the books selected as finalists this year should feel truly honored.”

The book awards are given in five categories: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, juvenile literature, and “about Ohio/Ohioans.” Ohioana will announce the winners in each category near the end of August, and recipients will be honored at the annual Ohioana Awards Ceremony the weekend of October 14, 2011.

Ohioana Book Award finalists (short profiles of each author are also attached):

Fiction

The Personal History of Rachel DuPree by Ann Weisgarber (Penguin)

By Nightfall by Michael Cunningham (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

The Things That Keep us Here by Carla Buckley (Delacorte)

Bill Warrington's Last Chance by James King (Penguin)

Memory Wall by Anthony Doerr (Scribner)

Trail of Blood by Lisa Black (William Morrow)

Nonfiction

A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness—and a Trove of Letters—Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression by Ted Gup (Penguin)

Out of Step by Jane Heimlich (Orange Frazer Press)

A Sea Without Fish: Life in the Ordovician Sea of the Cincinnati Region by David L. Meyer and Richard Arnold Davis (Indiana University Press)

Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error by Kathryn Schulz (Ecco)

Wright Panorama: Elements of Frank Lloyd Wright's Architecture in 360 Degrees by Thomas Schiff (photography) (Orange Frazer Press)

About Ohio

The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn by Nathaniel Philbrick (Viking)

Virginia Hamilton: Speeches, Essays and Conversations edited by Arnold Adoff and Kacy Cook (Blue Sky Press)

Beauty in the Grove: Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum by Phil Nuxhall (Orange Frazer Press)

Over-the-Rhine: When Beer Was King by Michael Morgan (History Press)

Goosetown: Reconstructing an Akron Neighborhood by Joyce Dyer (University of Akron Press)

Poetry

How to Catch a Falling Knife by Daniel Johnson (Alice James Books)

The Casanova Chronicles by Myrna Stone (Etruscan Press)

Traveler by Lou Suarez (Mid-List Press)

The White Museum by George Bilgere (Autumn House)

Field of Light & Shadow: Selected New Poems by David Young (Knopf)

Juvenile

Cate of the Lost Colony by Lisa Klein (Bloomsbury)

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (Atheneum)

What Happened on Fox Street by Tricia Springstubb (Harper Collins)

Snook Alone by Marilyn Nelson (Candlewick)

The Ink Garden of Brother Theophane by C. M. Millen (Charlesbridge)

Hip-pocket Papa by Sandra Markle (Charlesbridge)

The mission of the Ohioana Library, established in 1929 by First Lady Martha Kinney Cooper, is to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; preserve and expand a

permanent collection of books, sheet music, manuscripts, and other materials by Ohioans and about Ohio; and disseminate information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians and other artists to researchers, schools, and the general public. Individuals can visit the Library at 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, OH, or online at www.ohioana.org.

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