

**Best Novel of the West
(Long Novel)**

- 2009 Shavetail by Thomas Cobb
- 2008 The God of Animals by Aryn Kyle
- 2007 The Night Journal by Elizabeth Crook
- 2006 High Country by Willard Wyman
- 2005 People of the Raven by Kathleen O'Neal Gear
- 2004 So Wild a Dream by Winfred Blevins
- 2003 Perma Red by Debra Magpie Earling
- 2002 The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint by Brady Udall
- 2001 The Gates of the Alamo by Stephen Harrigan
- 2000 Prophet Annie by Ellen Recknor
- 2000 The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton by Jane Smiley
- 1998 Comanche Moon by Larry McMurtry
- 1997 Sierra by Richard S. Wheeler
- 1996 Stone Song by Winfred Blevins
- 1995 The Far Canyon by Elmer Kelton
- 1994 Empire of Bones by Jeff Long
- 1993 Slaughter by Elmer Kelton
- 1992 The Medicine Horn by Jory Sherman
- 1991 Home Mountain by Jeanne Williams
- 1990 Panther in the Sky by James Alexander Thom
- 1989 The Homesman by Glendon Swarthout
- 1988 Wanderer Springs by Robert Flynn
- 1987 Roman by Douglas C. Jones
- 1986 The Snowblind Moon by John Byrne Cooke
- 1985 Gone the Dreams and Dancing
by Douglas C. Jones

- 1984 Sam Bass by Bryan Woolley
- 1983 Ride the Wind by Lucia St. Clair Robson
- 1982 Aces and Eights by Loren D. Estleman
- 1978 Swimming Man Burning by Terence Kilpatrick
- 1977 The Kincaids by Matt Braun
- 1973 Chiricahua by Will Henry
- 1970 The White Man's Road by Benjamin Capps
- 1969 The Red Sabbath by Lewis B. Patten
- 1968 The Wolf is My Brother by Chad Oliver
- 1967 Hellfire Jackson by Garland Roark
- 1966 (TIE) Gold in California by Todhunter Ballard
- 1966 (TIE) Mountain Man by Vardis Fisher
- 1965 Indian Fighter by E. E. Halleran
- 1964 Gates of the Mountains
- 1963 Moontrap by Don Berry
- 1962 The Winter War by William Wister Haines
- 1961 From Where the Sun Now Stands by Will Henry
- 1960 The Buffalo Soldiers by John Prebble
- 1959 The Fancher Train by Amelia Bean
- 1958 The Silver Mountain by Dan Cushman
- 1957 Generations of Men by John Clinton Hunt
- 1955 Journey by the River by John Prescott
- 1954 The Wheel and the Hearth by Lucia Moore

(No awards given in this category
in 1956, 1971, 1972, 1974-76, 1979-81)

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**Medicine Pipe Bearers Award
(Best First Novel)**

- 2009 God's Thunderbolt by Carol Buchanan
- 2008 The Night Birds by Thomas Maltman
- 2007 Broken Trail by Alan Geoffrion
- 2006 High Country by Willard Wyman
- 2005 Field of Honor by D. L. Birchfield
- 2004 The Sergeant's Lady by Miles Hood Swarthout
- 2003 Perma Red by Debra Magpie Earling
- 2002 Corps of Discovery by Jeffrey W. Tenney
- 2001 The Chivalry of Crime by Desmond Barry
- 2000 Mine Work by Jim Davidson
- 1999 The Spanish Peaks by Jon Chandler
- 1998 Keepers of the Earth by LaVerne Harrell Clark
- 1997 Death of a Healing Woman by Allana Martin
- 1996 Thunder in the Valley by Jim R. Woolard
- 1995 St. Agnes' Stand by Tom Eidson
- 1994 People of the Whistling Waters
by Mardi Oakley Medawar
- 1993 John Stone and the Choctaw Kid
by Wayne Davis

**Medicine Pipe Bearers Award
(cont.)**

- 1992 The Sixth Rider by Max McCoy
 1991 Caesar of Santa Fe by Tim MacCurdy
 1990 South Texas by Anne Gabriel
 1989 Spirit of the Hills by Dan O'Brien
 1988 Jenny's Mountain by Elaine Long
 1987 Come Spring by Charlotte Hinger
 1986 The Snowblind Moon by John Byrne Cooke
 1985 Winterkill by Craig Lesley
 1984 Thirsty by Andrew Dequasie
 1983 Carry the Wind by Terry C. Johnston
 1982 Ride Down the Wind by Wayne Barton

**Best Western Novel
(Short Novel)**

- 2009 Another Man's Moccasins by Craig Johnson
 2008 Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas
 2007 The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman
 2006 (TIE) Camp Ford by Johnny D. Boggs
 2006 (TIE) The Undertaker's Wife
 by Loren D. Estleman
 2005 Buy the Chief a Cadillac by Rick Steber
 2004 I Should Be Extremely Happy in Your Company
 by Brian Hall
 2003 The Chili Queen by Sandra Dallas
 2002 The Way of the Coyote by Elmer Kelton
 2001 Summer of Pearls by Mike Blakely
 2000 Masterson by Richard S. Wheeler

- 1999 Journey of the Dead by Loren D. Estleman
 1998 The Kiowa Verdict by Cynthia Haseloff
 1997 Blood of Texas by Will Camp
 1996 The Dark Island by Robert J. Conley
 1995 St. Agnes' Stand by Tom Eidson
 1994 Friends by Charles Hackenberry
 1993 Nickajack by Robert J. Conley
 1992 Journal of the Gun Years by Richard Matheson
 1991 Sanctuary by Gary D. Svee
 1990 Fool's Coach by Richard S. Wheeler
 1989 Mattie by Judy Alter
 1988 Skinwalkers by Tony Hillerman
 1987 The Blind Corral by Ralph Beer
 1986 Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry

(No award given in this category in 1985)

- 1984 Leaving Kansas by Frank Roderus
 1983 Match Race by Fred Grove
 1982 Eyes of the Hawk by Lee McElroy
 1981 The Valiant Women by Jeanne Williams
 1980 The Holdouts by William Decker
 1979 Riders to Cibola by Norman Zollinger
 1978 The Great Horse Race by Fred Grove
 1977 (TIE) The Spirit Horses by Lou Cameron
 1977 (TIE) The Court-Martial of George Armstrong Custer
 by Douglas C. Jones
 1976 The Shootist by Glendon Swarthout
 1975 A Hanging In Sweetwater
 by Stephen Overholser
 1974 The Time It Never Rained by Elmer Kelton

- 1973 A Killing in Kiowa by Lewis B. Patten
 1972 The Day the Cowboys Quit by Elmer Kelton
 1971 The Last Days of Wolf Garnett
 by Clifton Adams
 1970 Tragg's Choice by Clifton Adams
 1969 Down the Long Hills by Louis L'Amour
 1968 The Valdez Horses by Lee Hoffman
 1967 My Brother John by Herbert R. Purdum
 1966 Sam Chance by Benjamin Capps
 1965 The Trail to Ogallala by Benjamin Capps
 1964 Follow the Free Wind by Leigh Brackett
 1963 Comanche Captives by Fred Grove
 1962 The Honyocker by Giles A. Lutz
 1961 The Nameless Breed by Will C. Brown
 1960 Long Run by Nelson C. Nye
 1959 Short Cut to Red River by Noel Loomis
 1958 Buffalo Wagons by Elmer Kelton
 1957 High Gun by Leslie Ernenwein
 1956 Somewhere They Die by L. P. Holmes
 1955 The Violent Land by Wayne D. Overholser
 1954 Law Man by Lee Leighton

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