

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY NEWS RELEASE:

Headline: Indiana Center for the Book Names 2008 Best Books of Indiana

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INDIANAPOLIS: The 2007 Best Books of Indiana were named this afternoon at an awards ceremony at the Indiana State Library. The following books and authors received the state's highest book honor:

Best Book of Indiana - Fiction

Breathing Out the Ghost by Kirk Curnutt (Montgomery, Ala.). River City Publishing, Montgomery, Ala.

Best Book of Indiana - Nonfiction

Sailing the Inland Sea by Susan Neville (Indianapolis). Quarry Books, Bloomington, Ind.

Best Book of Indiana - Children's Literature

When I Crossed No-Bob by Margaret McMullan (Evansville). Houghton Mifflin, Boston, Mass.

"It is always a privilege to recognize, promote and honor Indiana authors," said Roberta Brooker, Indiana State Librarian. "This year's finalists will join the works of great Hoosier authors like Gene Stratton Porter, Meredith Nicholson, James Whitcomb Riley and Kurt Vonnegut, among many others, in their new permanent home within Indiana Authors room."

In addition, each category's winning title and author will be engraved on a plaque in the Indiana Authors Room. Two copies of all 2008 competition entries have been added to the State Library's collection. One copy of each entry will circulate. Indiana citizens can borrow a Best Books of Indiana title at the State Library or request it via interlibrary loan at their local public library.

Best Books of Indiana is a state book awards competition begun by the Indiana Center for the Book to renew interest in Indiana's strong literary heritage and to highlight Indiana's ongoing literary successes. Books by Indiana authors or about Indiana, published between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year are eligible. The 2008 ceremony honors books published in 2007.

A complete listing of this year's finalists and past winners and finalists is available on the [Indiana Center for the Book's website](#).

About the Indiana Center for the Book:

The Indiana Center for the Book is a program of the Indiana State Library and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The Indiana Center for the Book promotes interest in reading, writing, literacy, libraries, and Indiana's literary heritage by sponsoring events and serving as an information resource at the state and

local level. The Center supports both the professional endeavors and the popular pursuits of Indiana's residents toward reading and writing. To learn more, visit us online at: <http://www.in.gov/library/>

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