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**The Before Columbus Foundation announces the  
Winners of the Thirty-Fourth Annual  
AMERICAN BOOK AWARDS  
Ceremonies, November 23, 2013**

Oakland, CA—The Before Columbus Foundation announces the Winners of the Thirty-Fourth Annual AMERICAN BOOK AWARDS. The 2013 American Book Award winners will be formally recognized on Saturday, November 23, 2013, at the Miami Book Fair International, in the Auditorium of Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus. This event is open to the public.

The American Book Awards were created to provide recognition for outstanding literary achievement from the entire spectrum of America's diverse literary community. The purpose of the awards is to recognize literary excellence without limitations or restrictions. There are no categories, no nominees, and therefore no losers. The award winners range from well-known and established writers to under-recognized authors and first works. There are no quotas for diversity, the winners list simply reflects it as a natural process. The Before Columbus Foundation views American culture as inclusive and has always considered the term "multicultural" to be not a description of various categories, groups, or "special interests," but rather as the definition of all of American literature. The Awards are not bestowed by an industry organization, but rather are a writers' award given by other writers.

**The 2013 American Book Award Winners are:**

**Will Alexander**, *Singing In Magnetic Hoofbeat: Essays, Prose, Texts, Interviews, and a Lecture*,  
Essay Press

**Philip P. Choy**, *San Francisco Chinatown: A Guide To Its History & Architecture*, City Lights

**Amanda Coplin**, *The Orchardist*, Harper Collins

**Natalie Diaz**, *When My Brother Was An Aztec*, Copper Canyon Press

**Louise Erdrich**, *The Round House*, Harper Collins

**Alan Gilbert**, *Black Patriots and Loyalists: Fighting for Emancipation in the War for Independence*,  
University of Chicago

**Judy Grahn**, *A Simple Revolution: The Making of an Activist Poet*, Aunt Lute Books

**Joy Harjo**, *Crazy Brave: A Memoir*, W.W. Norton & Co.

**Demetria Martinez**, *The Block Captain's Daughter*, University of Oklahoma Press

**Daniel Abdal-Hayy Moore**, *Blood Songs*, The Ecstatic Exchange

**D. G. Nanouk Okpik**, *Corpse Whale*, University of Arizona Press

**Seth Rosenfeld**, *Subversives: The FBI's War On Student Radical and Reagan's Rise to Power*,  
Farrar, Strauss & Giroux

**Christopher B. Teuton**, *Cherokee Stories of the Turtle Island Liar's Club*,  
University of North Carolina

**Lew Welch**, *Ring of Bone: Collected Poems*, City Lights

*Lifetime Achievement:*

**Ivan Argüelles**

**Greil Marcus**

**Floyd Salas**