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Books must be written by an American citizen and published by an American publisher between December 1 of the previous year and November 30 of the current year. Chosen by a panel of distinguished judges to represent the best writing of the category that year.

**Adult Fiction Winners**

2017 Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward  
2016 The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead  
2015 Fortune Smiles by Adam Johnson  
2014 Redeployment by Phil Klay  
2013 The Good Lord Bird by James McBride  
2012 The Round House by Louise Erdrich  
2011 Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward  
2010 Lord of Misrule by Jaimy Gordon  
2009 Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann  
2008 Shadow Country by Peter Matthiessen  
2007 Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson  
2006 The Echo Maker by Richard Powers  
2005 Europe Central by William T. Vollman  
2004 The News from Paraguay by Lily Tuck  
2003 The Great Fire by Shirley Hazzard  
2002 Three Junes by Julia Glass
2017 The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia by Masha Gessen (947.086 Gessen)

2016 Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi (305.800973 Kendi)

2015 Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates (305.800973 Coates)

2014 Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China by Evan Osnos (951.06 Osnos)

2013 The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America by George Packer (973.924 Packer)

2012 Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity by Katherine Boo (305.569095 Boo)


2010 Just Kids by Patti Smith (B Smith Patti)

2009 The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt by T.J. Stiles (973.5092 Stiles)

2008 The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family by Annette Gordon-Reed (973.466 Gordon-Reed)

2007 Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA by Tim Weiner (327.1273 Weiner)