

2001 Book Awards



How All This Started

Pete Fromm

Pete Fromm beautifully weaves the themes of baseball, fidelity, aspiration and madness into an intriguing and thought provoking novel. It is a gripping story about the intense and troubled relationship between a brother and sister growing up in desolate West Texas. Pete Fromm lives in Great Falls, Montana.



Winter Range

Claire Davis

This striking novel draws the reader into the bitter cold of eastern Montana and the harsh realities of ranching. The symbiotic relationship between man and animal is brought out as the main characters are caught in a mysterious triangle of pride, love and revenge. Claire Davis has written award winning short fiction. *Winter Range* is her first novel. She lives in Idaho.



The Heart Song of Charging Elk

James Welch

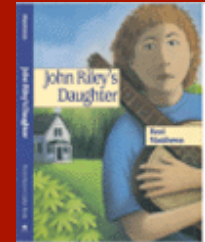
Charging Elk's odyssey echoes the Native American problems of today in this heartwarming, old-fashioned narrative exploring a struggle for identify. James Welch's vision presents a challenge and a promise to all who seek a homeland of the spirit and the mind. James Welch, one of our great Native American writers, lives in Missoula, Montana.



John Riley's Daughter

Kezi Matthews

John Riley's Daughter is a powerful and sensitive novel for young adults. This is a story of a girl's awakening and empowerment amid the chaos of family crisis during three sweltering Southern days in 1973. Kezi Matthews was born and raised in South Carolina. She now makes her home in Portland, OR. *John Riley's Daughter* is her first novel.



The Ghost Openings

Sheryl Noethe

Sheryl Noethe's beautiful verse is haunting, light and always full of life. Refusing to confine herself to immediate impressions, the author dives deep into both the physical and metaphysical, connecting the poet and reader in a passionate dialogue. Sheryl Noethe currently lives in Missoula, Montana.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Ursula K. Le Guin

The PNBA is proud to honor Ursula K. Le Guin for a lifetime of literary excellence. Her award winning science fiction, fantasy, young adult literature and poetry have consistently offered the delights of perfectly crafted prose, the challenges of cultural critique and the joys of an engaging story. Her most recent book is *The Telling*.

