



*Inspiring Responsible
Environmental Stewardship*

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2010 Green Earth Book Award

Awarded Annually by the Newton Marasco Foundation

The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) is a public charity whose mission is to inspire responsible environmental stewardship. We focus on educating children, schools, and communities about their role in being advocates for the environment. Our programs foster learning, appreciation, and caring for our natural world. We celebrate and reward small deeds and great acts that promote environmental awareness and further sustainable, environmental solutions.



NMF, in partnership with Salisbury University, created the Green Earth Book Award to promote books that inspire children to grow a deeper appreciation, respect, and responsibility for their natural environment. This is an annual award for books that best raise awareness of the beauty of our natural world and the responsibility that we have to protect it. In 2010, the Green Earth Book Award will be awarded in four categories:

- **Picture Book:** for books for children from pre-school to age 8 where the pictures and illustrations are as important as the text
- **Children's Fiction:** encompasses novels for young readers up to age 12
- **Young Adult Fiction:** includes books for readers from age 13 to 21
- **Nonfiction:** includes books for readers from infancy to age 21

SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTIONS

Nominations must be provided by November 1, 2009. We are requiring that any organization or individual that nominates a book provide eight review copies (note that advance reader copies are acceptable). The accompanying nomination form should be completed and sent to Jenny Newton Schmidt, National Program Director at jenny@newtonmarascofoundation.org or to the address below. Review copies of books should be mailed to:

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Attention: Green Earth Book Award*

The list of nominations that make the "short list" will be announced in December 2009. The winning books in all three categories will be announced in January 2010. Awards will be presented to the winning authors and illustrators on April 9, 2010 in Salisbury, Maryland. The award ceremony will be conducted during Salisbury University's Children and Young Adult Literature Festival.

The award in each of the four categories will be comprised of a monetary award of \$1,000 to the author and \$1,000 to the illustrator (or \$2,000 if the author and illustrator is the same person). In addition, \$250 in Green Earth Book Award-winning books will be donated to a Title I school or military base in Northern Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, DC.



REVIEW PANEL

Jeff Benoit,
Restore America's Estuaries

Dr. Ernie Bond,
Salisbury University

Michael Cullen,
*Environmental Protection
Agency*

Dr. Patricia Dean,
Salisbury University

Tony Diecidue,
*Project Performance
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Tricia Fisher,
Broadneck Elementary School

Dr. Wendy Glenn,
*The Assembly on Literature
for Adolescents*

Dr. Susan Hepler,
*The Children's Book Guild of
Washington, DC*

Trev Jones,
School Library Journal

Dr. Cynthia McDermott,
*Antioch University – Los
Angeles*

Robin Richardson,
*Environmental Protection
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Peter Trick,
SRA International

Dr. Heather Vance-Chalcraft,
East Carolina University

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be published in the United States during 2009
- Must be written in English (can be translated into English or be a bilingual book that contains English as one of the languages)
- Must be a trade book
- Must contain themes or content related to the environment and the concept of environmental stewardship

AWARD CRITERIA

Picture Book, Children's Fiction, and Young Adult Fiction Awards

- Writing style must be appropriate for the age intended
- The text and graphics/illustrations meet the standards of high quality literature
- The text and graphics/ illustrations/cover enhance the reader's experience and awareness of the theme in the book
- The book either promotes an inspired understanding of the environment, an awareness of environmental issues, or a celebration of nature
- The book encourages the concept of environmental stewardship and the role each of us can play in nurturing, protecting, and defending our environment
- Environmental issues are current and accurately portrayed

Nonfiction Award

Criteria are the same as above with the following addition:

- The book's formatting (bibliography, glossary, index, table of contents, captions, appendices, etc.) and graphics enhance the clarity and attractiveness of the subject matter

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