



The Mythopoeic Society

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2004 Mythopoeic Award Finalists



Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Adult Literature

Lois McMaster Bujold, *Paladin of Souls* (Eos)

Kij Johnson, *Fudoki* (Tor)

Ursula K. Le Guin, *Changing Planes* (Harcourt)

Patricia A. McKillip, *In the Forests of Serre* (Ace)

Robin McKinley, *Sunshine* (Berkley)

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Children's Literature

Kate DiCamillo, *The Tale of Despereaux* (Candlewick Press)

Clare Dunkle, *The Hollow Kingdom* (Holt)

Cornelia Funke, *Inkheart* (The Chicken House)

Shannon Hale, *The Goose Girl* (Bloomsbury USA)

Terry Pratchett, *The Wee Free Men* (HarperCollins)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Inklings Studies

Jane Chance, ed, *Tolkien the Medievalist* (Routledge, 2003)

Matthew Dickerson, *Following Gandalf: Epic Battles and Moral Victory in The Lord of the Rings* (Brazos Press, 2003)

John Garth, *Tolkien and the Great War: The Threshold of Middle-earth* (Houghton Mifflin, 2003)

Don W. King, *C.S. Lewis, Poet: The Legacy of His Poetic Impulse* (Kent State University Press, 2001)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Myth and Fantasy Studies

Mike Ashley, *Algernon Blackwood: An Extraordinary Life* (Carroll and Graf, 2001)

Francis Bridger, *A Charmed Life: The Spirituality of Potterworld* (Darton Longman & Todd, 2001)

William Patrick Day, *Vampire Legends in Contemporary American Culture: What Becomes a Legend Most* (University Press of Kentucky, 2002)

John Lawrence & Robert Jewett, *The Myth of the American Superhero* (Eerdmans, 2002)

Margaret Mackey, ed., *Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit: A Children's Classic at 100* (Scarecrow, 2002)

Jennifer Schacker, *National Dreams: The Remaking of Fairy Tales in Nineteenth-Century England* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2003 that best exemplifies "the spirit of the Inklings". Reissues (such as paperback editions) are eligible if no earlier edition was a finalist. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series is eligible the year its final volume appears. The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature honors books for younger readers (from "Young Adults" to picture books for beginning readers), in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult Literature award. The question of which award a borderline book is best suited for will be decided by consensus of the committees.

The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies is given to books on Tolkien, Lewis, and/or Williams that make significant contributions to Inklings scholarship. For this award, books first published during the last three years (2001–2003) are eligible, including finalists for previous years. The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies is given to scholarly books on other specific authors in the Inklings tradition, or to more general works on the genres of myth and fantasy. The period of eligibility is three years, as for the Inklings Studies award.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the banquet during Mythcon XXXV, to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from July 30–August 2, 2004. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site:

<http://www.mythsoc.org/awards.html>

The finalists for the literature awards, text of recent acceptance speeches, and selected book reviews are also listed in this on-line section. For more information about the **Mythopoeic Awards**, please contact the Awards Administrator: Eleanor M. Farrell, P.O. Box 320486, San Francisco, CA 94132-0486, emfarrell@earthlink.net.