The Mythopoeic Society
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2005 Mythopoeic Award Finalists

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Adult Literature
Kage Baker, The Antal of the World (Tor)
Susanna Clarke, Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell (Bloomsbury USA)
Elizabeth Hand, Mortal Love (HarperCollins)
Patricia A. McKillip, Alphabet of Thorn (Ace)
Gene Wolfe, The Wizard Knight, consisting of The Knight and The Wizard (Tor)

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Children’s Literature
Kevin Crossley-Holland, Arthur Trilogy, consisting of The Seeing Stone, At the Crossing Places, and King of the Middle March (Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books)
Nancy Farmer, Sea of Trolls (Atheneum)
Monica Furlong, Trilogy consisting of Wise Child, Juniper, and Colman (Random House)
Garth Nix, The Abhorsen Trilogy, consisting of Sabriel, Lirael: Daughter of the Clayr, and Abhorsen (Eos)
Terry Pratchett, A Hat Full of Sky (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)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Myth and Fantasy Studies
Teya Rosenberg, ed, Diana Wynne Jones: An Exciting and Exacting Wisdom (Lang, 2002)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2004 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 (2002–2004) 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 Tolkien 2005 conference (incorporating Mythcon XXXVI) in Birmingham, England, from August 11-15, 2005. 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.