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USA BOOK NEWS ANNOUNCES WINNERS AND FINALISTS OF THE USA “BEST BOOKS 2011” AWARDS

**Mainstream & Independent Titles Score Top Honors in the
8th Annual USA “Best Books” Awards**

Simon & Schuster, St. Martin’s Press, Random House, Penguin, Harper Collins, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw-Hill, John Wiley & Sons and hundreds of independent houses contribute to this year’s outstanding competition!

LOS ANGELES – USABookNews.com, the premiere online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalists of **THE USA “BEST BOOKS 2011” AWARDS** on November 1, 2011. Over 500 winners and finalists were announced in over 140 categories covering print, e-books and audio books. Awards were presented for titles published in 2010 and 2011.

Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of USA Book News, said this year’s contest yielded an unprecedented number of entries, which were then narrowed down to over 500 winners and finalists.

Award highlights include the following:

(Full results listing available on USABooknews.com)

- **Prodigal Father Pagan Son: Growing Up Inside the Dangerous World of the Pagans Motorcycle Club** by Anthony Menginie and Kerrie Droban (St. Martin's Press) was honored in the “Autobiography/Memoirs” category
- **Oprah: A Biography** by Kitty Kelley (Crown Books/Random House) was awarded “Best Biography”
- **The 24-Hour Customer: New Rules for Winning in a Time-Starved, Always-Connected Economy** by Adrian C. Ott (Harper Business) won the “Best Business Book”
- **Perfect One-Dish Dinners: All You Need for Easy Get-Togethers** by Pam Anderson (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) placed number one in “Cookbooks”
- **The Daughter's Walk** by Jane Kirkpatrick (Water Brook/Random House) took home the “Best General Fiction” prize

- **Department Thirteen** by James Houston Turner (Comfort Publishing) was awarded hottest new “Thriller/Adventure”
- **Hell on Two Wheels: An Astonishing Story of Suffering, Triumph, and the Most Extreme Endurance Race in the World** by Amy Snyder (Triumph Books, a division of Random House) snagged top honors in “Health”, “Non-Fiction Narrative” and “Sports”
- **The Survivor Personality: Why Some People Are Stronger, Smarter, and More Skillful at Handling Life's Difficulties...and How You Can Be, Too** by Al Siebert, Ph.D. (Perigee/Penguin) was honored as the “Best Self-Help Book of 2011”
- The “Best Inspirational Spiritual Book” was awarded to **Blessed: Living a Grateful Life** by Ellen Michaud (Reader's Digest)
- **Amazing Adventures of a Nobody: A Life Changing Journey Across America Relying on the Kindness of Strangers** by Leon Logothetis (Bettie Youngs Books) was honored in “Self-Help Motivational” and “Travel Essays”
- **Dear Success Seeker: Wisdom from Outstanding Women** by Michele R. Wright, Ph.D. (Simon & Schuster / Atria Books) was awarded “Best New Non-Fiction”
- **Tucker's Monster** by S.S. Wilson (Real Deal Productions, Inc.) took home the “Best New Fiction” award
- **Full results listing available online at USABookNews.com**

Keen says of the awards, now in their ninth year, “The 2011 results represent a phenomenal mix of books from a wide array of publishers throughout the United States. With a full publicity and marketing campaign promoting the results of the USA ‘Best Books’ Awards, this year’s winners and finalists will gain additional media coverage for the upcoming holiday retail season.”

Winners and finalists traversed the publishing landscape: Simon & Schuster, St. Martin’s Press, Random House, Penguin, Harper Collins, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, McGraw-Hill, John Wiley & Sons and hundreds of independent houses contributed to this year’s outstanding competition. Keen adds, “Our success begins with the enthusiastic participation of authors and publishers and continues with our distinguished panel of industry judges who bring to the table their extensive editorial, PR, marketing, and design expertise.”

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A complete list of the winners and finalists of The USA “Best Books 2011” Awards are available online at <http://www.USABookNews.com>.

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