# Tennessee History Book Award

## Past Winners

**2025** **Mary Ellen Pethel and Don Cusic**
*Howdy! The Minnie Pearl Story*
University of Tennessee Press

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**2024** **Andrew C. Ross**
*The Realms of Oblivion: An Excavation of the Davies Manor Historic Site's Omitted Stories*
Vanderbilt University Press

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**2023** **Rachel Louise Martin**
*A Most Tolerant Little Town: The Explosive Beginning of School Desegregation*
Simon & Schuster

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**2022** **Mary Ellen Pethel**
*Title IX, Pat Summitt, and Tennessee Trailblazers: 50 Years, 50 Stories*
University of Tennessee Press

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**2021** **Aaron Deter-Wolf and Tanya M. Peres**
*Mastodons to Mississippians: Adventures in Nashville's Deep Past*
Vanderbilt University Press

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**2020** **David Powell and Eric J. Wittenburg**
*Tullahoma: The Forgotten Campaign that Changed the Civil War, June 23–July 4, 1863*
Savas Beatie Publishing

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**2019** **Amy S. Greenberg**
*Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah K. Polk*
Knopf

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**2018** **Paul F. Brown**
*Rufus: James Agee in Tennessee*
University of Tennessee Press

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**2017** **Sam D. Elliott**
*John C. Brown of Tennessee: Rebel, Redeemer, and Railroader*
University of Tennessee Press

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**2016** **Timothy B. Smith**
*Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles of Forts Henry and Donelson*
University Press of Kansas

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**2015** **William Calvin Dickinson and Michael Birdwell**
*People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions*
University of Tennessee Press

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**2014** **Timothy B. Smith**
*Shiloh: Conquer or Perish*
University Press of Kansas

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**2013** **Mark R. Cheatham**
*Andrew Jackson, Southerner*
Louisiana State University Press

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| **2012** | **Benjamin Houston** | |
| | *Nashville Way: Racial Etiquette and the Struggle for Social Justice in a Southern City* | |
| | University of Georgia Press | |
| **2011** | **Brian D. McKnight** | |
| | *Confederate Outlaw: Champ Ferguson and the Civil War in Appalachia* | |
| | Louisiana State University Press | |
| **2010** | **Sam D. Elliot** | *Note there are two recipients for 2010* |
| | *Isham G. Harris of Tennessee: Confederate Governor and United States Senator* | |
| | Louisiana State University Press | |
| | **J. Roderick Heller III** | |
| | *Democracy's Lawyer: Felix Grundy of the Old Southwest* | |
| | Louisiana State University Press | |
| **2009** | **Doug Drake, Jack Masters, and Bill Puryear** | |
| | *Founding of the Cumberland Settlements: The First Atlas, 1779–1804* | |
| | Warioto Press | |
| **2008** | **Walter R. Borneman** | |
| | *Polk: The Man Who Transformed the Presidency and America.* | |
| | Random House | |
| **2007** | **Cynthia Cumfer** | |
| | *Separate Peoples, One Land: The Minds of the Cherokees, Blacks, and Whites on the Tennessee Frontier* | |
| | University of North Carolina Press | |
| **2006** | **Martin Hawkins** | |
| | *A Shot in the Dark: Making Records in Nashville, 1945–1955* | |
| | Vanderbilt University Press and Country Music Foundation Press | |
| **2005** | **Bobby L. Lovett** | |
| | *The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History* | |
| | University of Tennessee Press | |
| **2004** | **Charles A. Israel** | |
| | *Before Scopes: Evangelicalism, Education, and Evolution in Tennessee, 1870–1925* | |
| | University of Georgia Press | |
| **2003** | **Barbara Ellis** | |
| | *The Moving Appeal: Mr. McClanahan, Mrs. Dill, and the Civil War's Great Newspaper Run* | |
| | Mercer University Press | |
| **2002** | **James W. Ely Jr.** | |
| | *A History of the Tennessee Supreme Court* | |
| | University of Tennessee Press | |
| **2001** | **Ann B. Irish** | |
| | *Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee: A Political Biography* | |
| | University of Tennessee Press | |

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**2000** **Bill Carey**
*Fortunes, Fiddles, and Fried Chicken: A Nashville Business History*
Hillsboro Press

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**1999** **Rob Simbeck**
*Daughter of the Air: The Brief Soaring Life of Cornelia Fort*
Atlantic Monthly Press

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**1998** **Mary S. Hoffschwelle** *Note there are two recipients for 1998*
*Rebuilding the Rural Southern Community: Reformers, Schools, and Homes in Tennessee, 1900–1930*
University of Tennessee Press

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**Carroll Van West**
*The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*
Tennessee Historical Society and Rutledge Hill Press