

Tennessee History Book Award Past Winners

- 2021 Aaron Deter-Wolf and Tanya M. Peres
Mastodons to Mississippians: Adventures in Nashville's Deep Past
Vanderbilt University Press
- 2020 David Powell and Eric J. Wittenburg
Tullahoma: The Forgotten Campaign that Changed the Civil War, June 23–July 4, 1863
Savas Beatie Publishing
- 2019 Amy S. Greenberg
Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah K. Polk
Knopf
- 2018 Paul F. Brown
Rufus: James Agee in Tennessee
University of Tennessee Press
- 2017 Sam D. Elliott
John C. Brown of Tennessee: Rebel, Redeemer, and Railroader
University of Tennessee Press
- 2016 Timothy B. Smith
Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles of Forts Henry and Donelson
University Press of Kansas
- 2015 William Calvin Dickinson and Michael Birdwell
People of the Upper Cumberland: Achievements and Contradictions
University of Tennessee Press
- 2014 Timothy B. Smith
Shiloh: Conquer or Perish
University Press of Kansas
- 2013 Mark R. Cheatham
Andrew Jackson, Southerner
Louisiana State University Press
- 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
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
- 2000 Bill Carey
Fortunes, Fiddles, and Fried Chicken: A Nashville Business History
Hillsboro Press
- 1999 Rob Simbeck
Daughter of the Air: The Brief Soaring Life of Cornelia Fort
Atlantic Monthly Press
- 1998 Carroll Van West, editor
The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture
Tennessee Historical Society and Rutledge Hill Press
- Mary S. Hoffschwelle
*Rebuilding the Rural Southern Community:
Reformers, Schools, and Homes in Tennessee, 1900–1930*
University of Tennessee Press