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## **Winners Announced for 2005 Connecticut Book Awards**

**December 5 2005...**Winners were announced for the fourth annual Connecticut Book Awards Sunday, December 4, in the city hall atrium in downtown Hartford.

An audience of 125 attended to pay tribute to the state's authors and illustrators in an award ceremony presented by the Connecticut Center for the Book, a program of the Hartford Public Library.

The awards, an annual event for the Connecticut Center for the Book, a program of Hartford Public Library, were made after 40 judges distinguished in the fields of writing, librarianship, book arts, academe, journalism and publishing considered more than 160 nominations for work published in 2004. The winners, current or former state residents or authors whose work had a Connecticut setting, were chosen in seven categories as well as for a Lifetime Achievement award.

The 2005 Connecticut Book Award winners are:

**Biography:** *Hetty: The Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon*, written by Charles Slack

**Children's Author:** *Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel*, written by Leslie Connor

**Children's Illustrator:** *Who Killed Cock Robin?*, illustrated by Etienne Delessert

**Design:** *Lasting Impressions: The Grolier Club Library* designed by William Drenttel and Don Whelan

**Fiction:** *Rear View*, written by Peter Duval

**Nonfiction:** *Red Sky at Morning: America and the Crisis of the Global Environment*, written by James Gustave Speth

**Poetry:** *The Descent*, written by Sophie Cabot Black

**Lifetime Achievement in Service to the Literary Community:** Vivian Shipley

Guests were welcomed by Louise Blalock, chief librarian of Hartford Public Library, and by Billie Levy, Connecticut Center for the Book Advisory Council chairperson. Richard Sugarman, founding president of The Connecticut Forum, was the master of ceremonies. Katharine Weber was the featured speaker. Author of *The Little Women*, *The Music Lesson*, and *Objects in Mirror Are Closer than They Appear*, Weber's next book, *Triangle*, will be released in June 2006.

Janet Owens of Millrace Bookshop in Farmington supplied the titles for the book signings during the awards reception. Twenty-one finalists were present to sign their books.

A cumulative list of Connecticut Book Award finalists and winners can be found at [www.hplct.org/cfb/Book-Award-Finalists-And-Winners.htm](http://www.hplct.org/cfb/Book-Award-Finalists-And-Winners.htm).

The mission of the Connecticut Center for the Book is to celebrate books, writers and readers who engender and sustain the life of the imagination and to highlight authors, illustrators, printers and the literary heritage of the state of Connecticut. The Connecticut Center for the Book is an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

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