

Best Western Long Novel

- 2010 Echoes of Glory by Robert Flynn
- 2009 Shavetail by Thomas Cobb
- 2008 The God of Animals by Aryn Kyle
- 2007 The Night Journal by Elizabeth Crook
- 2006 High Country by Willard Wyman
- 2005 People of the Raven by Kathleen O'Neal Gear
- 2004 So Wild a Dream by Winfred Blevins
- 2003 Perma Red by Debra Magpie Earling
- 2002 The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint by Brady Udall
- 2001 The Gates of the Alamo by Stephen Harrigan
- 2000 Prophet Annie by Ellen Recknor
- 2000 The All-True Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton by Jane Smiley
- 1998 Comanche Moon by Larry McMurtry
- 1997 Sierra by Richard S. Wheeler
- 1996 Stone Song by Winfred Blevins
- 1995 The Far Canyon by Elmer Kelton
- 1994 Empire of Bones by Jeff Long
- 1993 Slaughter by Elmer Kelton
- 1992 The Medicine Horn by Jory Sherman
- 1991 Home Mountain by Jeanne Williams
- 1990 Panther in the Sky by James Alexander Thom
- 1989 The Homesman by Glendon Swarthout
- 1988 Wanderer Springs by Robert Flynn
- 1987 Roman by Douglas C. Jones
- 1986 The Snowblind Moon by John Byrne Cooke
- 1985 Gone the Dreams and Dancing
by Douglas C. Jones

- 1984 Sam Bass by Bryan Woolley
- 1983 Ride the Wind by Lucia St. Clair Robson
- 1982 Aces and Eights by Loren D. Estleman
- 1978 Swimming Man Burning by Terence Kilpatrick
- 1977 The Kincaids by Matt Braun
- 1973 Chiricahua by Will Henry
- 1970 The White Man's Road by Benjamin Capps
- 1969 The Red Sabbath by Lewis B. Patten
- 1968 The Wolf is My Brother by Chad Oliver
- 1967 Hellfire Jackson by Garland Roark
- 1966 (tie) Gold in California by Todhunter Ballard
- 1966 (tie) Mountain Man by Vardis Fisher
- 1965 Indian Fighter by E. E. Halleran
- 1964 Gates of the Mountains
- 1963 Moontrap by Don Berry
- 1962 The Winter War by William Wister Haines
- 1961 From Where the Sun Now Stands by Will Henry
- 1960 The Buffalo Soldiers by John Prebble
- 1959 The Fancher Train by Amelia Bean
- 1958 The Silver Mountain by Dan Cushman
- 1957 Generations of Men by John Clinton Hunt
- 1955 Journey by the River by John Prescott
- 1954 The Wheel and the Hearth by Lucia Moore

(No awards given in this category
in 1956, 1971, 1972, 1974-76, 1979-81)

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Best First Novel

(No award given in this category in 2010)

- 2009 God's Thunderbolt by Carol Buchanan
- 2008 The Night Birds by Thomas Maltman
- 2007 Broken Trail by Alan Geoffrion
- 2006 High Country by Willard Wyman
- 2005 Field of Honor by D. L. Birchfield
- 2004 The Sergeant's Lady by Miles Hood Swarthout
- 2003 Perma Red by Debra Magpie Earling
- 2002 Corps of Discovery by Jeffrey W. Tenney
- 2001 The Chivalry of Crime by Desmond Barry
- 2000 Mine Work by Jim Davidson
- 1999 The Spanish Peaks by Jon Chandler
- 1998 Keepers of the Earth by LaVerne Harrell Clark
- 1997 Death of a Healing Woman by Allana Martin
- 1996 Thunder in the Valley by Jim R. Woolard
- 1995 St. Agnes' Stand by Tom Eidson
- 1994 People of the Whistling Waters
by Mardi Oakley Medawar
- 1993 John Stone and the Choctaw Kid
by Wayne Davis

Best First Novel (cont.)

- 1992 The Sixth Rider by Max McCoy
- 1991 Caesar of Santa Fe by Tim MacCurdy
- 1990 South Texas by Anne Gabriel
- 1989 Spirit of the Hills by Dan O'Brien
- 1988 Jenny's Mountain by Elaine Long
- 1987 Come Spring by Charlotte Hinger
- 1986 The Snowblind Moon by John Byrne Cooke
- 1985 Winterkill by Craig Lesley
- 1984 Thirsty by Andrew Dequasie
- 1983 Carry the Wind by Terry C. Johnston
- 1982 Ride Down the Wind by Wayne Barton

Best Western Short Novel

- 2010 Far Bright Star by Robert Olmstead
- 2009 Another Man's Moccasins by Craig Johnson
- 2008 Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas
- 2007 The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman
- 2006 (tie) Camp Ford by Johnny D. Boggs
- 2006 (tie) The Undertaker's Wife
by Loren D. Estleman
- 2005 Buy the Chief a Cadillac by Rick Steber
- 2004 I Should Be Extremely Happy in Your Company
by Brian Hall
- 2003 The Chili Queen by Sandra Dallas
- 2002 The Way of the Coyote by Elmer Kelton
- 2001 Summer of Pearls by Mike Blakely
- 2000 Masterson by Richard S. Wheeler

- 1999 Journey of the Dead by Loren D. Estleman
- 1998 The Kiowa Verdict by Cynthia Haseloff
- 1997 Blood of Texas by Will Camp
- 1996 The Dark Island by Robert J. Conley
- 1995 St. Agnes' Stand by Tom Eidson
- 1994 Friends by Charles Hackenberry
- 1993 Nickajack by Robert J. Conley
- 1992 Journal of the Gun Years by Richard Matheson
- 1991 Sanctuary by Gary D. Svee
- 1990 Fool's Coach by Richard S. Wheeler
- 1989 Mattie by Judy Alter
- 1988 Skinwalkers by Tony Hillerman
- 1987 The Blind Corral by Ralph Beer
- 1986 Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry

(No award given in this category in 1985)

- 1984 Leaving Kansas by Frank Roderus
- 1983 Match Race by Fred Grove
- 1982 Eyes of the Hawk by Lee McElroy
- 1981 The Valiant Women by Jeanne Williams
- 1980 The Holdouts by William Decker
- 1979 Riders to Cibola by Norman Zollinger
- 1978 The Great Horse Race by Fred Grove
- 1977 (tie) The Spirit Horses by Lou Cameron
- 1977 (tie) The Court-Martial of George Armstrong Custer
by Douglas C. Jones
- 1976 The Shootist by Glendon Swarthout
- 1975 A Hanging In Sweetwater
by Stephen Overholser
- 1974 The Time It Never Rained by Elmer Kelton

- 1973 A Killing in Kiowa by Lewis B. Patten
- 1972 The Day the Cowboys Quit by Elmer Kelton
- 1971 The Last Days of Wolf Garnett
by Clifton Adams
- 1970 Tragg's Choice by Clifton Adams
- 1969 Down the Long Hills by Louis L'Amour
- 1968 The Valdez Horses by Lee Hoffman
- 1967 My Brother John by Herbert R. Purdum
- 1966 Sam Chance by Benjamin Capps
- 1965 The Trail to Ogallala by Benjamin Capps
- 1964 Follow the Free Wind by Leigh Brackett
- 1963 Comanche Captives by Fred Grove
- 1962 The Honyocker by Giles A. Lutz
- 1961 The Nameless Breed by Will C. Brown
- 1960 Long Run by Nelson C. Nye
- 1959 Short Cut to Red River by Noel Loomis
- 1958 Buffalo Wagons by Elmer Kelton
- 1957 High Gun by Leslie Ernenwein
- 1956 Somewhere They Die by L. P. Holmes
- 1955 The Violent Land by Wayne D. Overholser
- 1954 Law Man by Lee Leighton

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