



The Mythopoeic Society

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2005 Mythopoeic Award Finalists



Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Adult Literature

Kage Baker, *The Anvil of the World* (Tor)
Susanna Clarke, *Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell* (Bloomsbury USA)
Elizabeth Hand, *Mortal Love* (HarperCollins)
Patricia A. McKillip, *Alphabet of Thorn* (Ace)
Gene Wolfe, **The Wizard Knight**, consisting of *The Knight* and *The Wizard* (Tor)

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, Children's Literature

Kevin Crossley-Holland, **Arthur Trilogy**, consisting of *The Seeing Stone*, *At the Crossing Places*, and *King of the Middle March* (Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books)
Nancy Farmer, *Sea of Trolls* (Atheneum)
Monica Furlong, Trilogy consisting of *Wise Child*, *Juniper*, and *Colman* (Random House)
Garth Nix, **The Abhorsen Trilogy**, consisting of *Sabriel*, *Lirael: Daughter of the Clayr*, and *Abhorsen* (Eos)
Terry Pratchett, *A Hat Full of Sky* (HarperCollins)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Inklings Studies

Jane Chance, ed, *Tolkien the Medievalist* (Routledge, 2003)
Janet Brennan Croft, *War and the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien* (Praeger Publishers, 2004)
Matthew Dickerson, *Following Gandalf: Epic Battles and Moral Victory in The Lord of the Rings* (Brazos Press, 2003)
Doris T. Myers, *Bareface: A Guide to C.S. Lewis's Last Novel* (University of Missouri Press, 2004)
Anne C. Petty, *Tolkien in the Land of Heroes* (Cold Spring Press, 2003)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Myth and Fantasy Studies

William Patrick Day, *Vampire Legends in Contemporary American Culture: What Becomes a Legend Most* (University Press of Kentucky, 2002)
Jerry Griswold, *The Meanings of Beauty and the Beast* (Broadview Press, 2004)
Stephen Thomas Knight, *Robin Hood: A Mythic Biography* (Cornell University Press, 2003)
Teya Rosenberg, ed, *Diana Wynne Jones: An Exciting and Exacting Wisdom* (Lang, 2002)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2004 that best exemplifies "the spirit of the Inklings". Reissues (such as paperback editions) are eligible if no earlier edition was a finalist. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series is eligible the year its final volume appears. The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature honors books for younger readers (from "Young Adults" to picture books for beginning readers), in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult Literature award. The question of which award a borderline book is best suited for will be decided by consensus of the committees.

The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies is given to books on Tolkien, Lewis, and/or Williams that make significant contributions to Inklings scholarship. For this award, books first published during the last three years (2002–2004) are eligible, including finalists for previous years. The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies is given to scholarly books on other specific authors in the Inklings tradition, or to more general works on the genres of myth and fantasy. The period of eligibility is three years, as for the Inklings Studies award.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced at the **Tolkien 2005** conference (incorporating Mythcon XXXVI) in Birmingham, England, from August 11-15, 2005. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site:

<http://www.mythsoc.org/awards.html>

The finalists for the literature awards, text of recent acceptance speeches, and selected book reviews are also listed in this on-line section. For more information about the **Mythopoeic Awards**, please contact the Awards Administrator: Eleanor M. Farrell, P.O. Box 320486, San Francisco, CA 94132-0486, emfarrell@earthlink.net.