



**The Mythopoeic Society
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2008 Mythopoeic Award Winners

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature

Catherynne M. Valente, *The Orphan's Tales*, consisting of *In the Night Garden* (Spectra) and *In the Cities of Coin and Spice* (Spectra)

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature

J.K. Rowling, The Harry Potter series, consisting of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's [Sorcerer's] Stone* (Bloomsbury); *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (Bloomsbury); *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (Bloomsbury); *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (Bloomsbury); *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (Bloomsbury); *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* (Bloomsbury); and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (Bloomsbury)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies

Diana Pavlac Glyer; appendix by David Bratman, *The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Writers in Community* (Kent State University Press, 2007)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies

T.A. Shippey, editor, *The Shadow-Walkers: Jacob Grimm's Mythology of the Monstrous* (Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2005)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2007 that best exemplifies "the spirit of the Inklings." Books are eligible for two years after publication if not selected as a finalist during the first year of eligibility. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series becomes 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 (2005–2007) 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 were announced at **Mythcon XXXIX** in New Britain, Connecticut, on August 17, 2008. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site:

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: David Oberhelman, 306 Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078, awards@mythsoc.org.