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## NEWS

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## 2009 Notable Books Selections Announced

DENVER—The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has announced its selection for the 2009 CODES Notable Books Council Book Award.

The Notable Book Award makes available to the nation's readers a list of 25 very good, very readable, and at times very important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry books for the adult reader.

The winners were selected by the Notable Books Council, whose members include Patricia L. Gregory, chair, Saint Louis University; Alicia Ahlvers, Kansas City Public Library; Susie Brown, Shaker Heights Public Library; A. Issac Pulver, Saratoga Springs Public Library; Andrea Slonosky; Sandra Ballasch, University of Iowa Libraries; Malynda Dalton, Texas A&M International University; Julie Elliott, Indiana University South Bend; Nancy Pearl; Nonny Schlotzhauer, Pennsylvania State University; Lise Snyder, UCLA College Library; Valerie Morgan Taylor, Lewisville Community Library and *Booklist* consultant Brad Hooper.

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The 2009 winners are:

### FICTION

Alameddine, Rabih. *The Hakawati* Knopf 9780307266798  
Aslam, Nadeem. *The Wasted Vigil* Knopf 9780307268426  
Bausch, Richard. *Peace* Knopf 9780307268334  
Benioff, David. *City of Thieves: A Novel* Viking 9780670018703  
Erdrich, Louise. *The Plague of Doves* HarperCollins 9780060515126  
Galchen, Rivka. *Atmospheric Disturbances* Farrar Straus & Giroux 9780374200114  
Lahiri, Jhumpa. *Unaccustomed Earth* Knopf 9780307265739  
Millhauser, Steven. *Dangerous Laughter: Thirteen Stories* Knopf 9780307267566  
Sheers, Owen. *Resistance* Doubleday/Nan A. Talese 9780385522106  
Strout, Elizabeth. *Olive Kitteridge* Random House 9781400062089  
Talarigo, Jeff. *The Ginseng Hunter* Doubleday/Nan A. Talese 9780385517393

### NONFICTION

Coll, Steve. *The Bin-Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century* Penguin Press 9781594201646  
Faust, Drew Gilpin. *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* Knopf 9780375404047  
Filkins, Dexter. *The Forever War* Knopf Publishing Group 9780307266392  
Gilmore, Glenda Elizabeth. *Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Rights, 1919-1950* Norton 9780393062441  
Gordon-Reed, Annette. *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* Norton 9780393064773  
Harris, Mark. *Pictures at a Revolution: Five Movies and the Birth of the New Hollywood* Penguin 9781594201523  
Horwitz, Tony. *A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World* Holt 9780805076035  
Mayer, Jane. *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How The War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals* Doubleday 9780385526395

Pollan, Michael. *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto* Penguin 9781594201455  
Taylor, Nick. *American-Made: The Enduring Legacy of the WPA: When FDR Put the Nation to Work*  
Bantam 9780553802351  
Vanderbilt, Tom. *Traffic: Why We Drive the Way We Do (and What It Says about Us)* Knopf  
9780307264787  
Wickersham, Joan . *The Suicide Index: Putting My Father's Death in Order* Harcourt 9780151014903

**POETRY**

Hirsch, Edward *Special Orders: Poems* Knopf 9780307266811  
Tate, James *Ghost Soldiers: Poems* Ecco 9780061436949

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