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THE JOHN BURROUGHS ASSOCIATION INVITES PUBLISHERS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL JOHN BURROUGHS MEDAL AWARD

The John Burroughs Medal has been awarded almost continuously for 83 years since the inception of the award in 1926 for an outstanding book of natural history writing. If you have published natural history books in the last three years, we welcome the nomination of books for the **2010 JOHN BURROUGHS MEDAL AWARD**.

Please submit copies to the John Burroughs Association no later than October 23. Previous winners are not eligible. Winners will be notified by regular mail and telephone. Books received after this date will be eligible for next year's award. The award is only given to the winner if she/he is available to attend the awards ceremony; otherwise, an alternate is chosen.

A list of previous recipients whose books clearly represent the most distinguished American nature writers of the 20th and early 21st centuries can be found on this web site. The 2009 medal was awarded to Franklin Burroughs for his book, ***Confluence: Merrymeeting Bay***. Franklin Burroughs reflects on the human and natural history of the bay with insight filled with observations of its wild nature, scenic beauty, and the people who inhabit it. He is being acknowledged as one of our strongest winners for his excellence in the tradition of the genre of nature essay-writing, which John Burroughs perfected.

We welcome the nomination of books for the **2010 JOHN BURROUGHS MEDAL AWARD**. Books are selected by an experienced panel of judges on the basis of literary quality, firsthand field work and originality, and of course, scientific accuracy. To be eligible, books must have been published during the previous three years. In making their selection, the judges may take into account, not only the volume before them, but also the author's entire work.

There is a \$50.00 per book reader fee and we request that publishers submit six copies of each entry, addressed to the office of:

Ms. Lisa Breslof,
C/o American Museum of Natural History
John Burroughs Association
Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, NY 10024-5192

The award will be announced in March, 2010 and presentation made at the John Burroughs Annual Literary Awards Luncheon at the American Museum of Natural History in April. A bronze medal is awarded to the author and a certificate of commendation is awarded to the publisher. Early submissions are encouraged.

Contact Ms. Lisa Breslof by
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THE JOHN BURROUGHS ASSOCIATION INVITES PUBLISHERS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL JOHN BURROUGHS LIST OF NATURE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS AWARD

We are pleased to announce the opening of our twenty-first annual selection for **THE JOHN BURROUGHS LIST OF NATURE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS AWARD** since the inception of the award in 1988. This list recognizes writers, artists, and publishers who produce outstanding nature literature for children.

We welcome the nomination of books for the **2009 JOHN BURROUGHS LIST OF NATURE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS AWARD** that meet these criteria:

- * Nonfiction subjects of natural history, ecology, and environmental studies. Works may include poetry, travel, art, adventure, biography, as well as field studies or first person experiences. Science texts are ineligible.
- * Published in calendar year 2009.
- * Scientifically accurate.
- * Suitable for young readers through high school.

The John Burroughs Association is dedicated to promoting the spirit and teaching of John Burroughs (1835-1921), some of his most appropriate nature essays for children, and several anthologies that were published and used during his lifetime as readers in schools across America. In 1988, the Association inaugurated an annual list for young readers that honors Burroughs' efforts to instill in young people a love for nature and their curiosity about the environment. Since the list began, the Association has selected more than 150 books nominated by publishers for individually recognized authors and co-authors, author-illustrators, author-photographers, illustrators, and photographers. Our previous lists have been profiled in *Features* (Children's Book Council), *Orion Nature Quarterly* and the New York City Department of Education.

There is a \$25.00 submission fee for all titles submitted. There is no limit on the number of titles you are eligible to submit and we request that publishers submit five copies of each entry to arrive no later than January 8, 2010 addressed to the office of:

Ms. Lisa Breslof, Secretary
John Burroughs Association, Inc.
C/o American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, NY 10024

The award is announced in March, 2010 and presentation made at the John Burroughs Annual Literary Awards Luncheon at the American Museum of Natural History in April. A Certificate of Commendation is awarded to authors, illustrators, photographers, and publishers of each of the selected books. Early submissions are encouraged.

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THE JOHN BURROUGHS ASSOCIATION INVITES PUBLISHERS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL JOHN BURROUGHS OUTSTANDING NATURE ESSAY AWARD

We are pleased to announce the opening of our sixteenth annual selection for **THE JOHN BURROUGHS OUTSTANDING NATURE ESSAY AWARD** since the inception of the award in 1993.

The John Burroughs Association is dedicated to promoting the spirit and teaching of John Burroughs (1837-1921), the Hudson River naturalist and essayist. He perfected and popularized both the form and the content of the natural history essay. John Burroughs wrote more than 450 essays, published in 23 volumes. Therefore, it is most fitting for the Association to present the **2009 JOHN BURROUGHS OUTSTANDING NATURE ESSAY AWARD** to a writer whose article on natural history has been published in an anthology or periodical during 2007.

The criteria used to judge the merits of each essay are:

- Good literature
- Vivid presentation
- Poetic content
- Personal viewpoint
- Scientific accuracy

Please submit seven copies of each entry to arrive no later than January 8, 2010 addressed to the office of:

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