



Awards and Recognitions

Personal Awards

2011 Recipient of the de Grummond Medallion for “lifetime contribution to the field of children’s and young adult literature.”

Robert Marshall Award – “the highest award given by The Wilderness Society to a citizen who advances the cause of American conservation”

Redwoods Muse Award – given by California’s Save the Redwoods League for “inspiring people of all ages and descriptions to protect the world’s tallest trees”

Book Awards

The Atlantis Saga

Atlantis Rising

2016 International Book Awards Winner – Fiction: Fantasy

2016 International Book Awards Winner – Fiction: Young Adult

2014 Nautilus Book Award (“Better books for a better world.”) — Gold Award Winner, Young Adult Fiction

2014 USA Best Book Awards – Fiction: Fantasy

2013 LM_Net Librarians – Best Books List

2013 Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (“Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.”) – Silver Award Winner

2013 LongandShortReviews.com – October Book of the Month

Atlantis in Peril

2016 Best Book Awards Winner – Fiction: Fantasy

2016 Best Book Awards Winner – Fiction: Young Adult

2015 Nautilus Book Award (“Better books for a better world.”) – Silver Award Winner, Young Adult Fiction

Atlantis Lost

2017 Moonbeam Children’s Book Award (“Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.”) – Gold Award Winner, Pre-Teen Fiction – Fantasy

2016 Nautilus Book Award (“Better books for a better world.”) – Silver Award Winner, Young Adult Fiction



The Merlin Saga

The Lost Years of Merlin epic

Book 1: The Lost Years

2014 Hypable.com – Named one of “Five Books That Change Lives” by Hypable.com

2009 Pennsylvania Reading Olympics Book List

2006 Named in “500 Great Books for Teens” by Anita Silvey

2003 American Library Association — Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

2000 Virginia Young Readers List

2000 Georgia Children’s Book Award — Nominee

2000 Massachusetts Children’s Book Award — Nominee

1999 Texas Lone Star Book

1999 South Carolina Book Award — Master List

1998 South Carolina Young Adult Book Award — Nominee

1998 ABA Children’s Books Mean Business List

1997 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

1997 Children’s Book Council — “Not Just For Children Anymore” List

1997 American Library Association — Best Books for Young Adults

1997 The New York Public Library — Best Books for the Teen Age

Book 2: The Seven Songs

2011 Pennsylvania Reading Olympics Book List

2002 BookReview.com — Book of the Month

1999 International Reading Association — Young Adults’ Choice List

1998 Curriculum Administrator Magazine — Top 100

1998 Children’s Book Council — “Not Just For Children Anymore” Award

1998 ABA Children’s Books Mean Business List

1998 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

1998 ALA Booklist — Top Ten Science Fiction/Fantasy Novels

1998 American Library Association — Best Books for Young Adults Nominee



Book 3: The Raging Fires

2000 Colorado Children's Book Award — Nominee
1999 Voice of Youth Advocates — Best Books of the Year
1999 ALA Booklist — Top 10 Science Fiction/Fantasy Novels
1999 Administrator Magazine — Top 100 Curriculum
1999 Reading Circle of the Missouri State Teachers Association Award
1999 Westchester County Library System (New York) — Outstanding Books of the Year
1999 American Library Association — Best Books for Young Adults Nominee

Book 4: The Mirror of Fate

2000 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

Book 5: A Wizard's Wings

2002 Bank Street College of Education — Best Children's Books of the Year
2001 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Grand Prize Winner
2001 ALA Booklist — Top 10 Science Fiction/Fantasy Novels
2000 Colorado Book Award — Nominee
2000 BookSense Bestseller

Merlin's Dragon trilogy

Book 6: The Dragon of Avalon

2010 M. Jerry Weiss Book Award given by the New Jersey Reading Association
2010 German Book of the Month Selection (Tipp des Monats)
2009 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.")
2009 Moonbeam Children's Book Award ("Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.") – Silver Award Winner
2008 Best Children's Books selected by LM-Net



Book 7: Doomraga's Revenge

2010 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Gold Winner

2010 Moonbeam Children's Book Award ("Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.") — Gold Award Winner

Book 8: Ultimate Magic

2011 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Gold Winner

2011 Moonbeam Children's Book Award ("Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.") — Gold Award Winner

The Great Tree of Avalon trilogy

Book 9: The Great Tree of Avalon

2006 New York Times Series bestseller

2005 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Grand Prize Winner

2008 Bertelsmann Book Club Selection (Germany)

2005 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

2004 New York Times bestseller

2004 American Library Association — Best Book for Young Adults Nominee

Book 10: Shadows on the Stars

2006 New York Times Series bestseller

2006 American Library Association — Best Book for Young Adults Nominee

2005 BookSense Pick

Book 11: The Eternal Flame

2007 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Grand Prize Winner

2006 New York Times Series bestseller

2008 Blue Spruce Young Adult Award — Finalist

2007 Colorado Book Award — Finalist



The Merlin Saga Companion

Book 12: Merlin: The Book of Magic

2014 USA Best Book Awards – Finalist in Fiction: Fantasy

2014 USA Best Book Awards – Finalist in Fiction: Young Adult

The Heartlight Saga

The Ancient One

2016 Nautilus Book Award (“Better books for a better world.”) — Silver Award Winner, Middle Grades Fiction

2014 The Huffington Post — Named One of the Nine Best Trees in Literature

2007 Wenatchee, Washington — Community Discussion Book of the Year

2002 Steamboat Springs, Colorado — Community Discussion Book of the Year

1995 Pacific Northwest Library Association — Young Readers’ Choice Award Nominee

1994 International Reading Association — Young Adult Choice List

1994 Colorado Blue Spruce Award — Nominee

1994 Georgia Children’s Book Award — Nominee

1994 PEN Center USA West Literary Award — Nominee

1993 American Library Association — Best Books for Young Adults Nominee

1993 The New York Public Library — Best Books for the Teen Age

1992 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

1992 Parents Magazine — Best Books of 1992

1992 Voice of Youth Advocates — Best Books of the Year

The Heartlight Saga Combined Edition

2014 USA Best Book Awards – Fiction: Young Adult

2014 National Parenting Publications Honors Award



Heartlight

1991 Buzzworm, The Environmental Journal Pick

The Merlin Effect

2000 Best of the Texas Lone Star Reading Lists

1998 Utah Book Award

1997 Texas Lone Star Book

1996 Kansas State Reading Circle Award

1996 Colorado Blue Spruce Award — Nominee

1995 Colorado Book Award

Chapter Books

Tree Girl

2004 Massachusetts Children's Book Award — Nominee

2002 Junior Library Guild Selection

2002 BookReview.com — Book of the Month

2002 Bank Street College of Education — Best Children's Books of the Year

Nonfiction Books

The Hero's Trail

2016 International Book Awards Finalist – Young Adult Non-Fiction

2015 USA Best Book Award — Young Adult Non-Fiction

2015 Nonfiction Book Awards — Gold Award

2010 Burr Elementary, Fairfield, Connecticut All-school Book Choice

2008 Baltimore, Maryland — Calvert Hall College HS Community Discussion Book

2008 Burlington, Washington — High School Community Discussion Book

2008 Springfield, Pennsylvania — Community Discussion Book of the Year

2007 Utah Student Library Advisor Community Reading Selection

2007 Davis, Utah — Community Discussion Book of the Year

2005 International Reading Association — Teachers' Choice

2004 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Grand Prize Winner



2003 Book-of-the-Month Club Selection

2002 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

The Wisdom of Merlin

2016 Best Book Awards Finalist – Self-Help: Motivational

2016 Best Book Awards Finalist – Spirituality: Inspirational

2016 Moonbeam Children's Book Award ("Celebrating youthful curiosity & diversity through books & reading.") – Gold Medal Winner, Mind-Body-Spirit / Self-Esteem Category

2016 International Book Awards Winner – Self-Help Motivational

Picture Books

The Day the Stones Walked

2008 Storytelling World Award — Best Books for Young Readers

2008 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Gold Award Winner, Illustrated Children's Books

2008 Colorado Book Award — Finalist

2007 Virginia Readers' Choice Award — Nominee

Ghost Hands

2012 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Silver Award Winner, Illustrated Children's Books

2012 Character Building Counts — Gold Seal Award ("celebrating honor, integrity, honesty, and decency — in essays and books")

High as a Hawk

2010 Burr Elementary, Fairfield, Connecticut All-school Book Choice

2005 Arkansas Diamond Award — Nominee

2005 Nautilus Book Award ("Better books for a better world.") — Finalist

2005 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

2004 Junior Library Guild Selection



Where is Grandpa?

2003 Book-of-the-Month Selection for El Paso, Texas Language to Literacy Program (April)

2001 Maryland Children's Book Award — Nominee

2000 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

2000 Texas Bluebonnet Award — Nominee

2000 New Jersey Educational Media Association — Best Books of the Year

2000 Book-of-the-Month for University of Wisconsin's Center for Children's Literature

Nature Books

Naming Nature

2026 Chosen one of the "Five best science picks" by Nature

2026 Named a favorite new book by Orion Magazine

Rocky Mountain National Park: A 100 Year Perspective

1996 Colorado Book Award

To Walk in Wilderness

1994 Colorado Book Award — Nominee

Audio Books

The Merlin Saga – Great Tree of Avalon Trilogy

Book 9: The Great Tree of Avalon

2005 School Library Journal — Audio Book of the Week

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