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The Academy of Western Artists is proud to announce its Will Rogers Medallion Award to five Cowboy Poetry books released in 2001, books that exemplify outstanding excellence in content and design. Each of these volumes was judged to be of enduring quality, and each represents the best examples of preservation and celebration of the history and spirit of the West.

AWA Directory Bobby Newton says "The number of outstanding Cowboy Books released in 2001 led us to create the Will Rogers Medallion Award. The talent and experience of the creators of these books raises the bar for quality publications. Each is a lasting contribution to the cowboy heritage movement."

The Will Rogers Medallion was awarded to:

Piled Higher and Deeper, by Mike Puhallo with illustrations by Wendy Liddle, published by Hancock House, 800-938-1114, ISBN: 088839487X

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This collection of 45 poems by Mike Puhallo range from silly to serious.

Mike Puhallo has been a working cowboy, a saddle bronc rider, a packer, and horse trainer. This is the fifth book created in collaboration with award-winning cartoonist Wendy Liddle; every poem is illustrated with her trademark wit and humor.

A blind jury selected the winning books, using rigorous criteria. The jury considered books submitted for the annual Buck Ramsey Award for Best Cowboy Poetry Book, a part of the AWA Will Rogers Awards. Each of the award-winning Will Rogers Medallion books and many others are eligible for the Buck Ramsey award, which is given based on the result of votes by AWA members and announced at the annual AWA awards show (held this year on July 9, 2002, in Fort Worth, Texas. Call 580-389-5350 for more information).

The Other Winners Include:

The Fence That Me and Shorty Built by Red Steagall

published by Bunkhouse Press, 800-457-7966, ISBN: 0967761018;

Cowboy Poetry: Rhymes, Reasons, and Pack Saddle Proverbs, by Chris Isaacs

published by Cowboy Miner Productions, 602-944-3763, ISBN: 0966209168;

The Big Roundup, edited by Margo Metegrano

published by New West Library, 800-345-6665, ISBN: 0971255032;

Rainman, by Lloyd Shelby

published by Painted Word Studios, 888-313-0334.