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The Quill Book Awards, whose byword is "readers honor the best in books," are the only book awards bestowed by consumers through national online voting. Now in its second year, Quills announced the nominees today in its 2006 categories, and twenty-eight of our titles have been recognized.

2006 RANDOM HOUSE, INC. QUILLS NOMINEES:

<u>Debut Author of the Year:</u>
RIDE OF OUR LIVES by Mike Leonard (Ballantine)

<u>Biography/Memoir:</u>
YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING by Joan Didion (Knopf)

General Fiction:

BLACK SWAN GREEN by David Mitchell (Random House)
THE MARCH by E.L. Doctorow (Random House)
SUITE FRANCAISE by Irene Nemirovsky (Knopf)

Poetry:

AMAZING PEACE: A Christmas Poem by Maya Angelou (Random House) TROUBLE WITH POETRY AND OTHER POEMS by Billy Collins (Random House)

Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror:

BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte/Bantam Dell)
A FEAST FOR CROWS by George R.R. Martin (Bantam Spectra)
STOLEN CHILD by Keith Donohue (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday)

Cooking:

RACHAEL RAY 365: NO REPEATS by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter/Crown)
HEAT by Bill Buford (Knopf)
MY LIFE IN FRANCE by Julia Child (Knopf)

<u>Children's Chapter/Middle Grade</u>
FLUSH by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf Books for Young Readers)

Young Adult/Teen

ELDEST by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
KING DORK by Frank Portman (Delacorte Books for Young Readers)
BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak (Knopf Books for Young Readers)

Business:

THE GIRL'S GUIDE TO BEING A BOSS: Without Being a Bitch by Kimberly Yorio (Morgan Road Books/Doubleday Broadway)

<u>History/Current Events/Politics:</u>

RIVER OF DOUBT by Candice Millard (Broadway Books)
THE LOST PAINTING: The Quest for a Caravaggio Masterpiece
by Jonathan Harr (Random House)

Religion/Spirituality

UNIVERSE IN A SINGLE ATOM by the Dalai Lama (Morgan Road Books/Doubleday Broadway) GREAT TRANSFORMATION by Karen Armstrong (Knopf)

<u>Health/Self Improvement:</u>

IT'S CALLED A BREAKUP BECAUSE IT'S BROKEN by Greg Behrendt (Broadway)
WISDOM OF OUR FATHERS: Lessons and Letters from Daughters and Sons
by Tim Russert (Random House)
HEALTHY AGING by Andrew Weil (Knopf)

Sports:

WHY MY WIFE THINKS I'M AN IDIOT by Mike Greenberg (Villard/Random House)

Humor:

THE GOSPEL OF THE FLYING SPAGHETTI MONSTER by Bobby Henderson (Villard/Random House)

HECKUVA JOB by Calvin Trillin (Random House)

Congratulations to our author nominees and their publishers.

Voting for the winners commences today and runs through September 30th. The voting site will be up shortly at: www.quillsvote.com

The awards will be handed out at a Manhattan black-tie ceremony on Tuesday, October 10th, which will be televised by NBC-TV stations in New York and across much of the country on Saturday, October 28th.

For a complete list of the Quills nominees, go to: www.thequills.org