2014 SELA Southern Books Competition

Best Overall

*Eat Drink Delta: A Hungry Traveler’s Journey through the Soul of the South*
Susan Puckett
Photographs by Langdon Clay
The University of Georgia Press, 2013
Exciting travelogue, recipe book and guide through the history of southern cuisine, this comprehensive book instills a desire to hit the road and experience the well-researched cities and restaurants of the Deep South. Filled with informative, juicy photographs and actual recipes, Southern food culture shines and inspires.

Overall Excellence: Hard Cover

*Island Time: An Illustrated History of St. Simon’s Island, Georgia*
Jingle Davis
Photographs by Benjamin Galland
The University of Georgia Press, 2013
Invited in by an array of beautiful color photos, the reader discovers there is much more to this volume than mere illustrations. Broken down by time period, the volume presents a history of St. Simon’s Island that includes date-appropriate images that blend seamlessly with modern ones. The attractive dust jacket completes this handsome work.

Overall Excellence: Hard Cover

*Southern Wonder: Alabama’s Surprising Biodiversity*
R. Scot Duncan
Foreword by Edward O. Wilson
The University of Alabama Press, 2013
This inviting, flexible hardcover book combines the detailed information of a naturalist’s field guide with the sumptuous photography of an art book. The clarity of the geographical maps beautifully supports the detailed, yet accessible text, thoroughly describing the impressive natural diversity of Alabama.

Overall Excellence: Soft Cover

*The Larder: Food Studies Methods from the American South*
Edited by John T. Edge, Elizabeth S. D. Engelhardt, and Ted Ownby
The University of Georgia Press, 2013
This book’s evocative cover draws the reader into a world of Southern Studies. It is very attractive inside and out. It is difficult to design a book containing a significant amount of text, charts, tables, and photographs, so kudos to the press and the designer for creating an elegant and very readable piece.
Honorable Mention: Soft Cover

*Altamaha: A River and Its Keeper*
Photographs by James Holland  
Text by Dorinda G. Dallmeyer and Janisse Ray  
The University of Georgia Press, 2012  
This is a lovely, oversized book of crisply-printed, modern nature photographs. The clean text is printed in black for the introduction and green in describing the images—a very nice touch. This book honors the Altamaha River.

Outstanding Photographic Guide Book- Soft Cover

*Atlanta’s Oakland Cemetery: An Illustrated History and Guide*
Ren and Helen Davis  
With an introduction by Timothy J. Crimmins  
The University of Georgia Press, 2012  
This volume is graced with both historic and modern photographs. Through the use of cross-referenced maps and illustrations, the reader gains appreciation of one of the South’s most historic cemeteries. Both notable “inhabitants” as well as structures are highlighted in this very readable work.

Outstanding Hard Cover Dust Jacket

*Love, In Theory: Ten Stories*
E.J. Levy  
The University of Georgia Press, 2012  
The judges agree that this is a brilliant dusk jacket. The nostalgic typographical detailing is rich—a standout introduction to the short stories. Its velvety surface is a welcoming touch, kudos to the designer.

Judges for the Southern Books Competition

Joey Hannaford is an Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at the University of West Georgia. Her design specialties are hand lettering, book design, and typography.

Steve Miller is professor and coordinator of the MFA in the Book Arts Program in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama. He is the proprietor of the Red Hydra Press.

Dr. Lois Upham is a retired cataloger and library educator. She is currently busy with her paper and fabric marbling, jewelry making and photography. She is the Vice-Chair the Newton County (Georgia) Library System Board.
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