

The Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction NOMINATION FORM

Established by Scott O'Dell in 1982, the Scott O'Dell Award is given for a distinguished work of historical fiction. To be eligible, a book must be published by a U.S. publisher; the setting must be South, Central, or North America; and the author must be a U.S. citizen. Books published during each calendar year are eligible for the following year's award.

The home of The Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction is the Reinberger Children's Library Center at the Kent State University iSchool in Kent, Ohio. Elizabeth Hall, widow of Scott O'Dell, and the O'Dell family continue to administer and fund the award.

The Award Committee includes: Mary Anne Nichols, Senior Lecturer Kent State University (KSU) iSchool, as the Committee Chair, who is assisted by Dr. Deleon M.W. Awill, School Librarian East Baton Rouge Parish Schools; Michelle Baldini, Director, KSU Reinberger Children's Library Center; Alexandra Bell, Children's Librarian, Bloomington (IL) Public Library; Dr. Katie Campana, Assistant Professor, KSU iSchool; Angela Durham, School Librarian, Oak Pointe Elementary (SC); Kevin Lee, School Librarian, Washington DC Public Schools; Helen A. Prince, School Librarian, Indian Land High School (SC); Rachel Sweany, Senior Children's Librarian, New York Public Library; and Maria Trivisonno, Family Engagement Specialist, Cuyahoga County (OH) Public Library.

Submission Instructions:

Books may be submitted throughout the year to the Award Committee. Using this Nomination Form, for EACH title you wish to bring to the attention of the Award Committee, send the following information directly to Mary Anne Nichols, Committee Chair, at mnichol1@kent.edu:

- 1. Indicate O'Dell Award Nomination Candidate;
- 2. <u>Submit</u> Book Title (include a subtitle if there is one), Author, Publisher, Month and Year of Publication;
- 3. *Include* Name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the publishing house contact.

The Chair will send a roster to interested parties so that all committee members may receive a copy of the nominated title. The Committee may consider any eligible book, but publishers' submissions are valuable in bringing books to the attention of the Committee. The committee will accept directly submitted PDFs or egalleys via Edelweiss, which should whitelist the committee emails and have no expiration date, and committee members should be emailed notice of the Edelweiss submission.

Once the award recipient is selected and the publisher and/or literary agent is notified, the publisher must provide two additional copies of the selected book to the Committee for the O'Dell family.

If you have inquiries regarding the submission process or timeline that the information provided in the column to the right doesn't address, please email Mary Anne Nichols at mnichol1@kent.edu and put "O'Dell Award" in the subject line.

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