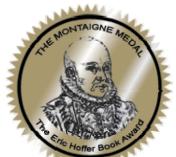
## Hoffer Award Announces 2009 Montaigne Medal Finalists

The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee announces the 2009 Montaigne Medal finalists.

March 12, Trenton, NJ – The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee has released the Montaigne Medal short list of finalists for the 2009 award year.

Each year, the Montaigne Medal is given to the most thoughtprovoking titles—books that either illuminate, progress, or redirect thought. The Montaigne Medal is given in honor of the great French philosopher Michel de Montaigne, who influenced people such as Shakespeare, Descartes, Nietzsche, Rousseau, Emerson, and Eric Hoffer.



"The Montaigne Medal is an integral part of the annual Hoffer Award for books and prose," said Christopher Klim, Chair of the Eric Hoffer Award. Klim is also the award-winning author of several books.

Here is the current short list of award finalists in alphabetical order:

- \* After the Glass Slipper, Jon & Beverly Meyerson, TwoVus Press
- \* All Things Must Pass, Phyllis Zimmerman, Publish America
- \* Blind Savior, Flase Prophet, Joseph DeMarco, AuthorHouse
- \* Disputed Truth: Memoirs, Vol. 2, Hans Kung, Continuum International
- \* Generation We, Eric Greenberg with Karl Weber, Pachatusan
- \* Hide Your Life Away, Carol Little, Meanwhile Studios
- \* Kafka Comes to America, Steven T. Wax, Other Press
- \* Love Letters From A Fat Man, Naomi Benaron, BkMk Press
- \* Musings at the End of Modernity, Conor O'Brian Barnes, Counterbalance Books
- \* Red Zone: Five Bloody Years in Baghdad, Oliver Poole, Reportage Press
- \* Swimming Naked with Jellyfish, Shelley Gilbert, Booksurge
- \* The Deep Uncertainty of Existence, Fred Leavitt, SynergEbooks
- \* The Demise of Luleta Jones, Mark Allen Boone, Blacksmith Books
- \* The Little Man in the Map, E. Andrew Martonyi, Schoolside Press
- \* The Pale Surface of Things, Janey Bennett, Hopeace Press
- \* The Throwaway Piece, JoAnn Yolanda Hernandez, Arte Publico Press
- \* Transcendent Dreaming, Chritina Donnell, Ph.D., Winds of Change Books
- \* Transformation From Tragedy, Thomas R. Winkel, WordPoint Publishing Group
- \* White Coat Wisdom, Stephen J. Busalacchi, Apollo's Voice, LLC
- \* Working Like Dogs, Alpine Publications

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