

# NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE FICTION AWARDS

*For books written in English and published for the first time in the United States (prior to 1997 eligibility was restricted to American authors). Chosen by the NBCC, an organization of nearly 700 book critics and editors. Awards are also given in non-fiction categories.*

- 1976 John Gardner *October Light*  
1977 Toni Morrison *Song of Solomon*  
1978 John Cheever *The Stories of John Cheever*  
1979 Thomas Flanagan *Year of the French*  
1980 Shirley Hazzard *Transit of Venus*  
1981 John Updike *Rabbit is Rich*  
1982 Stanley Elkin *George Mills* (not available)  
1983 William Kennedy *Ironweed*  
1984 Louise Erdrich *Love Medicine*  
1985 Anne Tyler *The Accidental Tourist*  
1986 Reynolds Price *Kate Vaiden*  
1987 Philip Roth *The Counterlife*  
1988 Bharati Mukherjee *The Middleman and  
Other Stories*  
1989 E.L. Doctorow *Billy Bathgate*  
1990 John Updike *Rabbit at Rest*  
1991 Jane Smiley *A Thousand Acres*  
1992 Cormac McCarthy *All the Pretty Horses*  
1993 Ernest J. Gaines *A Lesson Before Dying*  
1994 Carol Shields *The Stone Diaries*  
1995 Stanley Elkin *Mrs. Ted Bliss*  
1996 Gina Berriault *Women in Their Beds:  
New and Selected Stories*  
1997 Penelope Fitzgerald *The Blue Flower*  
1998 Alice Munro *The Love of a Good Woman*  
1999 Jonathan Lethem *Motherless Brooklyn*  
2000 Jim Crace *Being Dead*  
2001 W. G. Sebald *Austerlitz*  
2002 Ian McEwan *Atonement*  
2003 Edward P. Jones *The Known World*  
2004 Marilynne Robinson *Gilead*  
2005 E. L. Doctorow *The March*  
2006 Kiran Desai *The Inheritance of Loss*  
2007 Junot Diaz *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar  
Wao*  
2008 Roberto Bolaño *2666*