



Polar Libraries Colloquy

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Winner of the 2016 William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books Announced

Fairbanks - The Polar Libraries Colloquy is pleased to announce the winner of the 2016 William Mills Prize for Non-Fiction Polar Books is ***White Eskimo: Knud Rasmussen's Fearless Journey into the Heart of the Arctic***, by Stephen Bown (Merloyd Lawrence Books, Da Capo Press), "...the first full-scale biography of the explorer and ethnographer who opened up the culture, the language, and the life of the Arctic."

The prize winner was announced at an awards ceremony on July 13, 2016, in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the Polar Library Colloquy's biennial conference. The Polar Libraries Colloquy is an international organization of librarians and others interested in the collection, preservation and dissemination of polar information.

Two other nominations were awarded Honourary Mentions.

Mammals of Ungava and Labrador: the 1882-1884 Fieldnotes of Lucien M. Turner together with Inuit and Innu Knowledge, edited by Scott A. Heyes and Kristofer M. Helgen (Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press), sees the publication, after more than 125 years, of the natural history research of Smithsonian Institution Arctic scientist Lucien McShan Turner who travelled to Ungava District (Northern Quebec and Labrador) in 1882 for the International Polar Year.

Antarctica: Music, Sounds and Cultural Connections, by Bernadette Hince, Rupert Summerson and Arnan Wiesel (ANU Press, Australian National University), offers a unique consideration of the music and sounds associated with Antarctica. "This book demonstrates the intellectual and creative engagement of artists, musicians, scientists and writers."

The William Mills Book Prize is awarded every two years and honours the best Arctic or Antarctic non-fiction books published throughout the world. The prize was first presented in 2006. It is named in honour of William Mills, a polar librarian and author, and a core member of the Polar Libraries Colloquy during its formative years.

Twenty-one nominations qualified for consideration this year, the most ever since the inception of the prize. A full list of all titles nominated for the 2016 William Mills Prize, including those titles that are shortlisted, will be available shortly on the [Polar Libraries Colloquy website](#).

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