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Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Awards Announced

City of Publisher, STATE — The Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award committee has awarded xyz Author (top prize, honorable mention, notable book) for name of book for the best in nature writing in 2021.

Paragraph about book & author

“The Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award (SONWA) emphasizes the importance of wonder as the foundation for our appreciation of nature and the values that lead to its preservation,” said Alan Brew, executive director of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute.

Since 1991, the SONWA has honored the literary legacy of Sigurd F. Olson, who attended Northland College and is the namesake of the College’s environmental institute, by recognizing and encouraging contemporary writers who seek to carry on his tradition of nature writing.

The SONWAs are announced April 4, the birthday of Sigurd F. Olson. Born in 1899, Olson is considered one of the most influential conservationists and prominent writers in American history. His books have inspired an appreciation for nature among many generations of readers.

Quote from author/publisher/SONWA committee

To read more about the awards and the other winning entries visit northland.edu/sonwa2021.

**Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Awards  
Winner:**  
*Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*, Suzanne Simard, (Alfred A. Knopf, 2021).

**Notable**:

*Lookout: Love Solitude, and Searching for Wildfire in the Boreal Forest*, Trina Moyles (Random House Canada, 2021).

*Planet Palm: How Palm Oil Ended Up in Everything—and Endangered the World*, Jocelyn C. Zuckerman (The New Press, 2021).

*Seed to Dust: Life, Nature, and A Country Garden*, Marc Hamer (Greystone Books, 2021).

*The Porch: Meditations on the Edge of Nature*, Charlie Hailey (University of Chicago Press, 2021).

**SONWA Children’s**

**Winner:**

*Ocean Soup: A Recipe for You, Me, and a Cleaner Sea*, Meeg Pincus, Illustrated by Lucy Semple (Sleeping Bear Press, 2021).

**Honorable Mention**

*The Leaf Detective: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in the Rainforest*, Heather Lang, Illustrated by Jana Christy (Calkins Creek, 2021).