

Ohio's Best Known Living Writers - as of January 2007

NAME	GENRE	BACKGROUND/INFORMATION	BORN	DIED	BIRTHPLACE/OHIO HOME
Abbott, Lee K.	fiction	All Things, All at Once: New and Selected Stories (2006)	1947		Panama/Columbus
Adoff, Arnold	juvenile	Black Is Brown Is Tan (1973/2002); Touch the Poem (1996/2000); 2003 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1935		NY/Yellows Springs
Alder, Elizabeth	juvenile	Crossing the Panther's Path (2002)	1954		Painesville/Willowick
Ayres, Katherine	juvenile	Up, Down, and Around (2007)	1947		Columbus
Babbitt, Natalie	juvenile	Tuck Everlasting (1975). 1994 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1932		Dayton
Baker, David	poetry	Midwest Eclogue: Poems (2005); 1998 Krout Poetry Award.	1954		ME/Granville
Batiuk, Tom	cartoonist	Creator of the Funky Winkerbean, Crankshaft comic strips. 2001 Ohioana Citation.	1947		Akron/Medina
Berger, Thomas	fiction	Adventures of the Artificial Woman (2004); Little Big Man (1964). 1982 Ohioana Book Award	1924		Cincinnati
Birmingham, Stephen	fiction/ nonfiction	The Rest of Us: The Rise of America's Eastern European Jews (1997).	1932		CT/Mount Adams
Bolls, Imogene	poetry	Advice for the Climb (1999). 1995 Krout Poetry Award.	1938		KS/Springfield
Borden, Louise	juvenile	The Journey That Saved Curious George (2005); 2002 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1949		Cincinnati
Bujold, Lois McMaster	science fiction	Author of Miles Vorkosigan series; Beguilement (2006); Hugo and Nebula Awards winner.	1949		Columbus/Marion
Chaon, Dan	fiction	Among the Missing (2001). 2002 Ohioana Book Award.	1964		NE/Cleveland Heights
Creech, Sharon	juvenile	Newberry Medal for walk Two Moons (1994); Newberry Honor for Wanderer (2000).	1946		South Euclid
Crusie, Jennifer	romance/ humor	Santa, Baby (2006).	1949		??/Batavia
Crutcher, Chris	juvenile	Whale Talk (2002). King of the Mild Frontier (2003). 2000 Margaret A. Edwards Award.	1946		Dayton
Cunningham, Michael	fiction	Specimen Days (2005); The Hours (1998) was basis for Oscar-winning movie; 1999 PEN/Faulkner Award.	1952		Cincinnati

Dew, Robb Forman	fiction	The Truth of the Matter (2005); 1982 National Book Award for Dale Loves Sophie to Death.	1946		Mt. Vernon
Dodd, Wayne	poetry	Is (2003). 1991 Krout Poetry Award.	1930		OK/Athens
Doerr, Anthony	fiction	About Grace: A Novel (2004); New York Public Library's Young Lions Award; 2000 Walter Rumsey	1973		Parma
Dove, Rita	poetry	American Smooth: Poems (2004); U.S. Poet Laureate, 1993 to 1995. 1987 Pulitzer Prize for	1952		Akron
Draper, Sharon	juvenile	Coretta Scott King Award for Forged by Fire (1997); Copper Sun (2006).	1948		Cleve/Cincinnati
Eckert, Allan	history/ juvenile	Newberry honor for Incident at Hawk's Hill (1972). 1968 Ohioana Book Award; author of Winning	1931		NY/Dayton
Ellison, Harlan	science fiction	Angry Candy (1988); recipient of Nebula and Hugo Awards.	1934		Cleveland
Fisher, Antwone Quentin	memoir/ screenwriting	Finding Fish (2001). 2002 Ohioana Book Award.	1959		Cleveland
Fleming, Denise	juvenile	The Cow Who Clucked (2006); Caldecott Honor for In the Small, Small Pond (1993; 1996 Alice Louise	1950		Toledo
Frazier, Ian	humor, nonfiction	Gone to New York: Adventures in the City (2005); First Thurber Prize for Humor in 1997. 1995 Ohioana	1951		Cleveland
Gallo, Donald R.	juvenile	Sixteen (1993), anthology of short stories.	1938		NJ/Solon
Gass, William H.	fiction	A Temple of Texts (2006); In the Heart of the Heart of the Country (1968); National Book Critics Circle	1924		ND/Warren
Gaus, P. L.	fiction	Author of Ohio Amish Mystery Series.	1949		Athens/Wooster
George, Elizabeth	mystery	I, Richard (2002). Anthony and Agatha Awards. 2002 Ohioana Book Award.	1949		Warren
Giblin, James Cross	juvenile	Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth (2005). 2007 Alice	1933		Cleveland
Giovanni, Nikki	poetry, essays	Acolytes (2007); voted 1999 Ohio's Favorite Author.	1943		TN/Cincinnati
Glaser, Elton	poetry	Here and Hereafter (2005); 1996 Krout Poetry Award.	1945		LA/Akron
Goedicke, Patricia	poetry	As Earth Begins to End (2000). 2002 Krout Poetry Award.	1931		Boston/Athens

Gold, Herbert	fiction	Daughter Mine (2000). 1997 Ohioana Career Award.	1924		Cleveland
Grafton, Sue	mystery	"S" Is for Silence (2006). Shamus and Anthony Awards.	1940		Louisville/Columbus
Greenberg, Alvin	poetry/prose	Hurry Back (2005). 2000 Krout Poetry Award.	1932		Cincinnati
Greenway, William	poetry	Fishing at the End of the World (2005). 2001 Krout Poetry Award.	1947		GA/Youngstown
Guisewite, Cathy	cartoonist	Creator of the "Cathy" cartoon strip.	1950		Dayton
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	juvenile	The Shadow Children Series; Double Identity (2005); Dexter the Tough (2007).	1964		Washington Court House/Powell
Harper, Karen	romance/ mystery	The Hooded Hawke: An Elizabeth I Mystery (2007).	1945		Toledo/Columbus
Hemley, Robin	nonfiction	Invented Eden: the Elusive, Disputed History of the Tasaday (2003); 1984 Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant.	1958		NY/Athens
Hickman, Janet	juvenile	Ravine (2002).	1940		Delaware County
Hilldenbrand, Will	juvenile	Illustrator/author, My Book Box (2007); The Moon Might Be Milk (2007)	1960		Cincinnati
Howard, Richard	poetry, translation	Inner Voices: Selected Poems, 1963-2003 (2004). 1969 Pulitzer Prize. 2003 National Book Critic's	1929		Cleveland
Hudgins, Andrew	poetry	Ecstatic in the Poison (2003). 1997 Krout Poetry Award.	1951		TX/Columbus
Jaffe, Michael Grant	fiction	Whirlwind (2004).	1965		Cleveland
Jakes, John	historical fiction	Best-selling Kent Family Chronicles [Bicentennial Series] in the 1970s. 2003 Ohioana Pegasus Award.	1932		IL/Dayton
Johnson, Angela	juvenile	The First Part Last (2003): 2003 MacArthur Fellowship. 1999 Alice Louise Wood Award. Coretta	1961		AL/Kent
Lawrence, Jerome	playwriting	Co-wrote Inherit the Wind and others with Robert E. Lee. 1980 Ohioana Career Award.	1915		Cleveland
Lee, Robert E.	playwright	Co-wrote Auntie Mame and others with Jerome Lawrence; 1982 Ohioana Career Award; 1970	1918		Elyria
Lewis, J. Patrick	poetry/ children's	Once Upon a Tomb (2006). 2004 Alice Louise Wood Awards.	1942		IN/Westerville

Lithgow, John	juvenile	Carnival of the Animals (2004).	1945		NY/Yellow Springs
Logsdon, Gene	nonfiction	The Lords of Folly (2007); 2000 Ohioana Career Award.	1931		Tiffin
Loung Ung	nonfiction	Lucky Child (2005).	1970		Cambodia/Cleveland
McCord, Howard	poetry	Howard McCord: The Poems (2002). 1990 Krout Poetry Award.	1932		OK/Bowling Green
McGraw, Erin	fiction	The Good Life: Stories (2004).	1957		CA/Columbus
Mora, Pat	juvenile	Adobe Odes (2006); 2000 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1942		TX/Cincinnati
Morrison, Toni	fiction	Love: A Novel (2003); Nobel Prize for literature in 1993; 1988 Ohioana Career Award; Pulitzer Prize for	1931		Lorain
Moss, Thylis	fiction	Tokyo Butter: Poems (2006); MacArthur Grant 1996. 1992 Ohioana Book Award.	1954		Cleveland
Oliver, Mary	poetry	Thirst: Poems (2006); Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for American Primitive. 1973, 1993 Ohioana Book	1935		Cleveland
O'Rourke, P. J.	humor, nonfiction	The C.E.O. of the Sofa (2001); syndicated columnist/editor for National Lampoon and Rolling	1947		Toledo
Page, Clarence	journalism	1989 Pulitzer Prize for commentary for the Chicago Tribune.	1947		Dayton/Middletown
Pilkey, Dav	juvenile	The Captain Underpants Series.	1966		Cleveland
Plumly, Stanley	poetry	Now That My Father Lies Down Beside Me: New & Selected Poems 1970-2000 (2000); 2004 Krout	1939		Barnesville
Purdy, James	fiction	Malcolm (1995).	1923		Near Fremont
Resnick, Mike	science fiction	Starship: Pirate (2006). Author of more than 75 books. Winner of both Hugo and Nebula Awards.	1942		Chicago/Cincinnati
Richards, Emilie	romance	Blessed Is the Busybody (2005). Winner of Romance Writers of America's RITA Award.	????		??/Bay Village
Roberts, Les	mystery	The Irish Sports Pages (2002). Voted "Cleveland's Favorite Author."	1922		IL/Cleveland
Rosen, Michael J.	juv/poetry/nonfiction	Chanukah Lights Everywhere (2001). 1997 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1954		Columbus

Russell, Mary Doria	fiction	A Thread of Grace (2005)	1950		IL/Cleveland
Rylands, Jane Turner	fiction	Across the Bridge of Sighs: More Venetian Stories (2005)	????		Toledo
Rylant, Cynthia	juvenile	The Journey: Stories of Migration (2006); Newbery Medal for Missing May (1993)	1954		VA/Kent
Salamon, Julie	nonfiction	Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give (2003).	1953		Seaman
Sanders, Scott Russell	fiction/ nonfiction	A Private History of Awe (2006); 1994 Ohioana Book Award.	1945		TN/Ravenna
Schlesinger, Arthur Jr.	history	Pulitzer Prize for The Age of Jackson (1946) & A Thousand Days (1996). 1992 Ohioana Career Award	1917		Columbus
Shreve, Susan Richards	fiction/ juvenile	Trout and Me (2004).	1939		Toledo
Shulman, Alix Kates	memoir	Memoirs of an Ex-Prom Queen (1972).	1932		Cleveland
Smith, Larry	poetry/prose	A River Remains (2006); editor of Bottom Dog Press; 1999 Krout Poetry Award.	1943		Mingo Junction/Huron
Spires, Elizabeth	poetry/ juvenile	Now the Green Blade Rises (2001). 2000, 2003 Ohioana Book Awards.	1952		Lancaster/Circleville
Standiford, Les	mystery	Bone Key (2002).	????		Cambridge
Steinem, Gloria	journalism	Feminist and co-founder of Ms. Magazine; 1998 Pegasus Award.	1934		Toledo
Stine, R. L.	juvenile horror	Writes best-selling Fear Street and Goosebumps series for children. 1999 Ohioana Career Award.	1943		Columbus
Taylor, Mildred D.	juvenile	Coretta Scott King Award for The Land (2001); Newberry Medal for Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	1943		MS/Toledo
Trawick, Leonard	poetry	Beastmorphs (1994). 1994 Krout Poetry Award.	1933		AL/Cleveland Heights
Upadhyay, Samrat	fiction	The Royal Ghosts (2006). 2001 Whiting Writer's Award. 1992 Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant.	????		Nepal/Cleveland
Wagoner, David	poetry	Good Morning and Good Night (2005). 1980, 1997 Ohioana Book Awards.	1926		Massillon
Wahl, Jan	juvenile	Pleasant Fieldmouse (2005); 2005 Alice Louise Wood Award.	1933		Columbus/Toledo

Ward, David S.	screenwriting	Oscar for Original Screenplay in 1973 for The Sting.	1945		RI/Cleveland
Watterson, Bill	cartoon	Calvin and Hobbes cartoon series. National Cartoonists' Society's Reuben Award.	1958		Washington DC/Chagrin Falls
White, Edmund	fiction	My Lives: An Autobiography (2006).	1940		Cincinnati
Wilhelm, Kate	sci-fi/ suspense	Hugo and Nebula Award winner.	1928		Toledo
Willis, Sarah	fiction	The Sound of Us (2005)	????		Cleveland
Wilner, Eleanor	poetry	The Girl with Bees in Her Hair (2004). Received a MacArthur Grant in 1991.	1937		Cleveland
Woodson, Jacqueline	juvenile	Coretta Scott King Award for Miracle's Boys (2001); Newberry Honor for Show Way (2005).	1963		Columbus
Young, David	poetry	Black Lab (2006); 1988 Krout Poetry Award.	1936		IA/Oberlin
Zafris, Nancy	fiction	Lucky Strike (2005). 1991 Ohioana Book Award.	1954		Columbus