



# 2010 Book Awards



## The Big Burn

Timothy Egan

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

In *The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan put the environmental disaster of the Dust Bowl at the center of a rich history, told through characters he brought to indelible life. Now he performs the same alchemy with the *Big Burn*, the largest-ever forest fire in America and the tragedy that cemented Teddy Roosevelt's legacy in the land. Egan lives in Seattle, Washington.



## Boneshaker

Cherie Priest

Tor Books

In the early days of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the frozen Klondike brought hordes of newcomers to the Pacific Northwest. Anxious to compete, Russian prospectors commissioned inventor Leviticus Blue to create a great machine that could mine through Alaska's ice. Thus was Dr. Blue's Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine born. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, destroying several blocks of downtown Seattle and unearthing a subterranean vein of blight gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead.



## The Crying Tree

Naseem Rakha

Broadway Books

Irene and Nate Stanley are living a quiet and contented life with their two children, Bliss and Shep, on their family farm in southern Illinois when Nate suddenly announces he's been offered a job as a deputy sheriff in Oregon. Irene fights her husband. She does not want to uproot her family and has deep misgivings about the move. Nevertheless, the family leaves, and they are just settling into their life in Oregon's high desert when the unthinkable happens. Fifteen-year-old Shep is shot and killed during an apparent robbery in their home. The accused murderer, a young mechanic with a history of assault, robbery, and drug-related offenses, is caught, tried and sentenced to death.



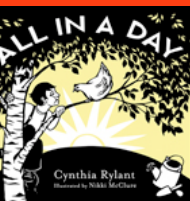
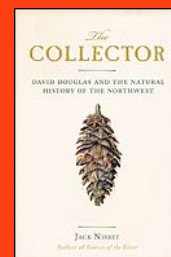
## The Collector

David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest

Jack Nisbet

Sasquatch Books

Jack Nisbet first told the story of British explorer David Thompson, who mapped the Columbia River, in his acclaimed book *Sources of the River*, which set the standard for research and narrative biography for the region. Now Nisbet turns his attention to David Douglas, the premier botanical explorer in the Pacific Northwest and throughout other areas of western North America. Douglas's discoveries include hundreds of western plants--most notably the Douglas Fir.



## All In A Day

by Cynthia Rylant, Illustrated by Nikki McClure

Abrams Books for Young Readers

This lovely book illuminates all the possibilities a day offers -- the opportunities and chances that won't ever come again -- and also delivers a gentle message of good stewardship of our planet. Newbery Medal winner Cynthia Rylant's poetic text, alongside Nikki McClure's stunning, meticulously crafted cut-paper art, makes this picture book not only timeless but appealing to all ages, from one to one hundred.

