

# Eric Hoffer Award Announces 2009 Book Winners

*The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee announces the 2009 Book Award Winners.*

**May 13, Trenton, NJ** – The Eric Hoffer Book Award committee has released the 2009 award results, including the Hoffer grand prizewinning title, *Maggots in my Sweet Potatoes* by Susan Madden Lankford from Humane Exposures Publishing, which is an excellent photojournalism narrative on women in prison.

From the **US Review of Books**:

“For two years, Lankford visited the San Diego County women's jail to learn what life was like for inmates and staff. Lankford's frequent presence encouraged extraordinary confidences. The result is a candid and artful depiction of who is in jail..., why they are imprisoned..., and what can be done to break the generational cycle of crime... Brutally honest yet never sensational or judgmental, *Maggots in My Sweet Potatoes* is a well-researched and enlightening narrative backed by statistics, analysis, and input from incarceration experts.”

Other key winners include the best Academic Press, *The President's House* (White House Historical Association) by William Seale; the best Small Press, *Managing Thought* (Ferne Press) by Mary J. Lore; the best Micro Press, *Tai Chi Dynamics* (YMAA Publication Center) by Robert Chuckrow; and the best Self-Published Book, *Gattorno: A Cuban Painter for the World* (Arte al Dia) by Sean M. Poole.

Full award coverage, including all of the category winners can be read in the **US Review of Books** ([www.theUSreview.com](http://www.theUSreview.com)).

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