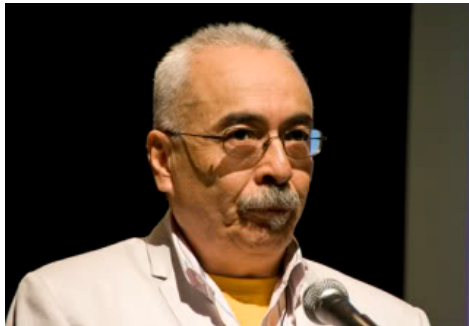


2008 NBCC Awards Ceremony: Poetry (Juan Felipe Herrera and August Kleinzahler)

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Juan Felipe Herrera accepts the 2008 NBCC poetry award. (Photo [Miriam Berkley](#).)

In an unprecedented event, the 2008 NBCC award in poetry was shared between Juan Felipe Herrera (*Half the World in Light: New and Selected Poems*) and August Kleinzahler (*Sleeping It Off in Rapid City: Poems, New and Selected*). Poetry committee chair Rigoberto González announced the award to Herrera and, on behalf of Kleinzahler, Jonathan Galassi of FSG.

González [discussed](#) Herrera's *Half the World in Light* earlier at 30 Books/30 Days. In the same series, board member Kevin Prufer [wrote on](#) Kleinzahler's *Sleeping It Off in Rapid City*.

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