

Roundup: 2008 NBCC Awards Ceremony Coverage

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Ron Charles works on his material. (Photo [Miriam Berkley](#).)

A few reactions to and coverage of the 2008 NBCC Awards Ceremony:

At GalleyCat, an interview with [poetry co-winner Juan Felipe Herrera](#) (*Half the World in Light: New and Selected Poems*) and [criticism winner Seth Lerer](#) (*Children's Literature: A Reader's History, From Aesop to Harry Potter*). Also, the Riverside, California [Press-Enterprise](#) weighs in on Herrera. And at the Poetry Foundation, Cathy Halley at the [Poetry Foundation](#) has videos and links pertaining to Herrera and co-winner August Kleinzahler (*Sleeping It Off in Rapid City*). Meanwhile, the [Baltimore Sun](#) reports on its very own Ariel Sabar, winner of the 2008 award in autobiography (*My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*).

Magazines, newspapers, and news sources covering the event include [Publisher's Weekly](#) (by new board member Craig Teichner); the [Cleveland Plain-Dealer](#) (by another board newbie, Karen Long), the [Houston Chronicle](#), [Reuters](#), "[Bloomberg](#)" (by incoming board member Laurie Muchnick), and the [Christian Science Monitor](#). 2008 Balakian winner, who may or may not be opening for Carrot-Top next week at Zanies in Silver Springs, blogged the finalists' reading at the [Washington Post](#). (Appreciations of Charles's knock 'em dead speech accepting the Balakian Award, as well as nonfiction awardee (*The Forever War*) Dexter Filkins's comments, are at [Gawker](#) and [New York](#).) Here is what [Reuters](#) had to say, as well as the reaction overseas in the [Guardian](#). Meanwhile, Scott McLemee writes about the last few days of the first year of his first term on the NBCC board at [Quick Study](#).

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