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**NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK ANNOUNCES  
2014 BOOK AWARDS WINNERS**

NEW YORK, March 19, 2014 -- [The New England Society in the City of New York](#) (NES) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2014 *New England Society Book Awards*, which honor books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture. Awards are presented annually to authors of books published in the previous 12 months, in any of four categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Art & Photography, and Specialty Titles. The winning authors will be honored at a luncheon on April 16 at the Grolier Club in New York City.

“Since the organization’s founding in 1805, distinguished authors from Ralph Waldo Emerson and Mark Twain to William F. Buckley, Jr., and David McCullough have spoken at NES. We are pleased to continue this rich literary tradition into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the *NES Book Awards*,” said NES Book Awards Committee Chair Anna Bulkot.

“The 2014 winners represent excellence in New England-themed writing across a range of subjects, from historical events that served as the basis for the birth of the United States to present-day stories celebrating culture, relationships, and individualism. We are delighted to honor this diverse group of books and their authors,” said NES President Anne Hall Elser. “In essence, they mirror the history and mission of the Society, and its centuries-old connection to New England.”

The 2014 *NES Book Award* winners, selected from [thirteen finalists](#), are as follows:

**Fiction**

*Sight Reading* by Daphne Kalotay (HarperCollins): An elegant novel of love and family set in Boston’s classical music scene, *Sight Reading* traces one love triangle as it shifts and falters over the span of two decades.

**Nonfiction - Contemporary**

*Lifesaving Lessons* by Linda Greenlaw (Viking): Famed swordfish boat captain Linda Greenlaw created a life of peaceful independence for herself on a rugged island off the coast of Maine. Now, she faces her greatest battle with nature – a newly adopted teenage daughter.

**Nonfiction – History & Biography**

*Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick (Viking): The bestselling author brings his prodigious talents to the story of the Boston battle that ignited the American Revolution. (NES Historical Note: In 1843, NES members traveled to Boston to take part in the June 17 dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument.)

**Art & Photography**

*A Lifetime of Vermont People* by Peter Miller (Silver Print Press): 60 Duotone portraits with accompanying profiles of rural Vermonters completed over 63 years and representative of self-employed people who have made Vermont what it is - and are called by some a "vanishing species" as the state becomes gentrified. (NES Historical Note: In 1927, NES appropriated \$5,000 for the relief of sufferers from that year’s Vermont floods.)

The publishing industry and public are invited to attend the awards luncheon and book signing on April 16 (cost: \$65 for NES members; \$80 for guests). The Grolier Club is located at 47 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street in New York City. To reserve, download a reservation form from the NES website at [www.nesnyc.org](http://www.nesnyc.org), or contact Executive Director Robin Hickey, at (212) 752-1938 or [robin@nesnyc.org](mailto:robin@nesnyc.org). Reservations must be received by April 11.

#### **ABOUT THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY**

The New England Society in the City of New York (NES) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 1805. One of the oldest social and charitable organizations in the country, NES was established to promote “friendship, charity and mutual assistance” among and on behalf of New Englanders living in New York. NES celebrates and promotes the New England heritage through its charitable programs, cultural works and social activities.

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