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TWO RANDOM HOUSE, INC. 2005 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNERS

THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING by Joan Didion and THE PENDERWICKS by Jeanne Birdsall have won the 2005 National Book Award for Nonfiction and Young People's Literature respectively. Their authors accepted their prizes at the National Book Foundation's annual dinner ceremony in Manhattan on November 16th.

Published by Knopf in October, to extraordinary reviews, THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING is Ms. Didion's "portrait of marriage—and a life, in good times and bad." THE PENDERWICKS is a debut novel by Jeanne Birdsall, which is subtitled "a tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy."

Earlier at the National Book Awards event, Norman Mailer, whom Random House has long proudly published, accepted one of the nation's highest literary honors: the National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, presented to him by Toni Morrison.

Congratulations to Mr. Mailer, Ms. Didion, Ms. Birdsall, and to our Random House and Knopf Publishing Groups and Random House Children's Books colleagues.

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