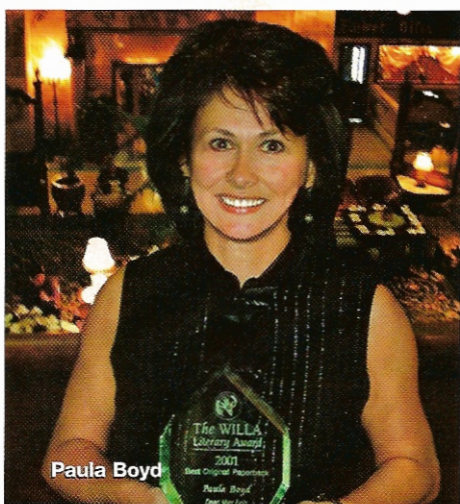


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## Women Writing the West



**T**he Seventh Annual Women Writing the West (WWW) conference and awards ceremonies were held at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. The 2001 WILLA Literary Awards were presented to authors of women's stories that capture the diversified roles of the gender in the American West. The winners were: original paperback, *Dead Man Falls* by Paula Boyd; memoir/essay, *One Degree West* by Julene Bair; young adult, *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan; historical fiction, *For California's Gold* by JoAnn Levy; contemporary fiction, *The Spirit Woman* by Margaret Coel; non-fiction, *The Dismissal of Miss Ruth Brown* by Louise S. Robbins; children's book, *The Horned Toad Prince* by Jackie Mims Hopkins; and poetry, *Swan, What Shores?* by Veronica Patterson.

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