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Heinemann Library Wins Award for Best Book for Children on Texas History

San Antonio, TX: Heinemann Library and author Sally Senzell Isaacs were recently awarded the first annual June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History by The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee for the book *Cattle Trails and Cowboys* published in 2004 by Heinemann Library, Chicago, as part of the American Adventure series. The presentation was made by Madge Thornall Roberts, Naylor Committee Chairman, in Midland, Texas, at the 114th Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Sally Isaacs grew up in Evansville, Indiana, and graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, with a major in American history and sociology. She has written over 30 children's books on American history topics for children and enjoys researching historical periods and retelling the stories for children. *Cattle Trails and Cowboys* paints a picture of life on the frontier and the hardships endured by cowboys as well as how they spent their leisure time.

In making the presentation, which Mrs. Roberts said was a unanimous choice by the judges, she commented, "This is a beautiful book in design and content. It is clear that Ms. Isaacs understands how to write for children. There are short side panels that can be read quickly by children with short attention spans and beautiful illustrations to hold their attention while others will devour every word. This book takes us through a part of Texas history sometimes overlooked. It is very fitting that the first Naylor award goes to a book which deals with history that took place in this part of Texas." Mrs. Naylor, for whom the award is named, was a former schoolteacher and long-time resident of Odessa, and she served as President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc., from 1989-1991.

The June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History, endowed by the family of June Franklin Naylor and sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, is given annually to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished book for children and young adults, grades K-12, that accurately portrays the history of Texas, whether fiction or nonfiction. A three-member panel of judges comprised of historians, educators, and librarians judge the entries. The 2004-05 Committee included its chairman Madge Thornall Roberts, author, historian, and Alamo Committee Chairman; Dr. Richard Bruce Winders, Historian/Curator at the Alamo; and Lucie Olson, independent library consultant.

About *Cattle Trails and Cowboys*:

Author: Sally Senzell Isaacs

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