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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON TO PRESENT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO SCHOLASTIC CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO DICK ROBINSON

*The 42nd President of the United States will present the
Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the Literary
Community at the 68th National Book Awards*

New York, NY (October 12, 2017) – Announced last month, the 2017 Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community will be presented to Richard (Dick) Robinson, Scholastic Chairman, President and CEO.

The National Book Foundation is pleased to today share the news that President Bill Clinton, the Founder of the Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States, will present Robinson with the Award at the 68th National Book Awards Ceremony and Benefit Dinner on November 15. President Clinton, a longtime supporter of the arts, avid reader, and author, will honor Mr. Robinson's service to readers and the literary community as a leader in children's publishing, education, and media.

Following President Clinton's time in office, he has demonstrated a continued commitment to the health and success of communities through his ceaseless humanitarian work and the founding of the Clinton Foundation. A celebrated writer himself, President Clinton's dedication to education has raised the cultural value of literacy and great writing across the country.

President Clinton's bio is below.

President Clinton
Founder and Chairman of the Board, Clinton Foundation

42nd President of the United States

William Jefferson Clinton, the first Democratic president in six decades to be elected twice, led the United States to the longest economic expansion in American history, including the creation of more than 22 million jobs.

After leaving the White House, President Clinton established the Clinton Foundation in order to continue working on the causes he cared about. Since its founding, the Foundation has endeavored to help build more resilient communities by developing and implementing programs that improve people's health, strengthen local economies, and protect the environment.

In addition to his Foundation work, President Clinton served as the top United Nations envoy for the Indian Ocean tsunami recovery effort, the UN Special Envoy to Haiti—and has partnered numerous times with Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush to support relief efforts for communities devastated by natural disasters.

President Clinton was born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas. He and his wife Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton have one daughter, Chelsea, and two grandchildren, Charlotte and Aidan. They live in Chappaqua, New York.

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The National Book Foundation's mission is to celebrate the best of American literature, to expand its audience, and to enhance the cultural value of good writing in America. In addition to the National Book Awards, for which it is best known, the Foundation's programs include **5 Under 35**, a celebration of emerging fiction writers selected by former National Book Award Finalists and Winners; the **National Book Awards Teen Press Conference**, an opportunity for New York City students to interview the current National Book Award Finalists in Young People's Literature; **NBA on Campus**, a partnership that brings National Book Award authors to colleges across the country; the **Innovations in Reading Prize**, awarded to individuals and institutions that have developed innovative means of creating and sustaining a lifelong love of reading; and **BookUp**, a writer-led, after-school reading club for middle-school students.

The National Book Award is one of the nation's most prestigious literary prizes and has a stellar record of identifying and rewarding quality writing. In 1950, William Carlos Williams was the first Winner in Poetry, the following year William Faulkner was honored in Fiction, and so on through the years. Many previous Winners of the National Book Award are now firmly established in the canon of American literature, including Sherman Alexie, Louise Erdrich, Jonathan Franzen, Denis Johnson, Joyce Carol Oates, Adrienne Rich, and Jesmyn Ward.