

ONEBOOKAZ 2010

ONEBOOKAZ, a project of the Arizona Center for the Book at the Arizona State Library, has been designated a Centennial Project. As such, both the adult and children's titles from 2007 through the Centennial year of 2012 have Arizona themes to provide an opportunity for citizens to come together to read and discuss books that will increase their knowledge and appreciation of Arizona's unique history and culture. Curricula and a book discussion guide are created as resources and made available at www.onebookaz.org.

ONEBOOKAZ 2010 featured *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd*, by journalist Jana Bommersbach, as the adult title. This book describes the 1931 story of Winnie Ruth Judd, who was accused of murdering her two best friends in Phoenix, and cutting and stuffing their bodies into a trunk to transport them by train to Los Angeles. After spending nearly 40 years in the insane asylum and escaping six times, Ruth Judd was released. Years later, Bommersbach combed through archives, set up interviews and spoke with Judd to piece together the truth.



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ONEBOOKAZ for Kids 2010 featured *The Three Little Javalinas/Los Tres Pequeños Jabalías* by author Susan Lowell. This is a Southwestern version of the classic "Three Little Pigs" story. The three little javalinas live in homes built of tumbleweeds, cacti and adobe bricks as they try to escape from the hungry coyote, who hopes to eat them with red chili sauce.

Both ONEBOOKAZ authors completed their statewide tours at a literary event held at the Carnegie Center called *Reading the Best: Arizona Celebrates Books and Writers*. At the event, the ONEBOOK authors presented awards to the state winners of the Arizona Center for the Book's Letters about Literature contest.

From March through May, the authors made 66 appearances in urban and rural communities including the Phoenix, Yuma, Bisbee, Tucson, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, and Prescott areas. A total of 263 ONEBOOKAZ programs took place throughout the state in libraries, colleges, correctional facilities, museums, schools, nonprofit organizations and bookstores. Overall, nearly 84,500 Arizonans participated in ONEBOOKAZ, and the State Library distributed 5,500 copies of the books. ONEBOOKAZ is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act with additional community partnerships and sponsorships.