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Recent Awards

Southeastern Outdoor Press Association

I had the great good fortune to win three awards at the <u>Southeastern Outdoor Press</u> <u>Association</u> (SEOPA) conference held in Johnson City, Tenn., in late September. Each year SEOPA holds an excellence in craft competition, comprised of several categories, for its 500 individual and corporate members.

My book, *The Literature of Turkey Hunting: An Annotated Bibliography and Random Scribblings of a Sporting Bibliophile,* won two first place awards. One in the Outdoor Entrepreneur category for promotional efforts connected with selling the work and the second as the best outdoor book of the year.

A contribution to the National Rifle Association's magazine, *American Hunter*, entitled "Signaling Spring" (on the eager anticipation connected with the opening day of turkey season) garnered third place honors in the Magazine Short Feature category.

Special Offer

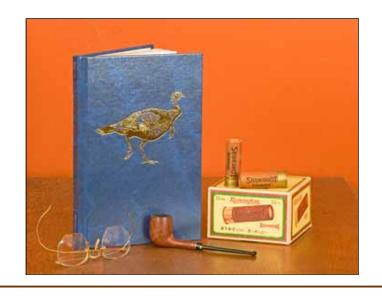
Copies of the award-winning book, *The Literature of Turkey Hunting,* are still available. However, it was published in a signed and numbered limited edition of 750 copies, and they won't last long.

Order your copy today for just \$100 (includes postage and insurance).

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South Carolina Outdoor Press Association

More recently, the state outdoor writers group here in the Palmetto State, the <u>South Carolina Outdoor Press Association</u> (SCOPe), announced its annual awards.

I was greatly honored to garner two first place and three second place awards in three categories. Two of the pieces appeared in *The Herald*, the local daily newspaper in Rock Hill, S.C., where I live, while the other three SCOPe awards were for contributions to the *Smoky Mountain Times*, the weekly newspaper in Bryson City, N.C., where I grew up and enjoyed a wonderful boyhood.

Here are the details on these awards:

- 2nd place in Newspaper Feature category for "November is a Time for Nostalgia," *Smoky Mountain Times,* Nov. 10 & 17, 2011.
- 2nd place in Editorial/Opinion category for "Problems with Kitty Cats," *The Herald*,
- 2nd Place in Column category for "'Bull-headed Contrariness' a Mountain Trait," *Smoky Mountain Times,* Mar. 5, 2012.
- 1st place in Editorial/Opinion category for "Pocket Knives Deserve Praise in These Times," *Smoky Mountain Times*, June 28, 2012.
- 1st Place in Column category for "Paying it Forward—The Feminine Equation," *The Herald,* Mar. 11, 2012.

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