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***THE LION AND THE UNICORN ANNOUNCE THE THIRD ANNUAL AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN NORTH AMERICAN POETRY***

BALTIMORE, MD – November 6, 2007 Johns Hopkins University Press is pleased to announce that the winner of the third annual Lion and the Unicorn Award for Excellence in North American Poetry is JonArno Lawson, for *Black Stars in a White Night Sky*. Illus. Sherwin Tjia. (Toronto: Pedlar Press, 2006). The honor books are, in alphabetical order: Jorge Argueta. *Talking with Mother Earth/Hablando con Madre Tierra*. Illus. Lucía Angela Pérez. (Toronto: Groundwood/House of Anansi, 2006); Helen Frost. *The Braid*. (New York: Frances Foster/Farrar Straus: 2006); Walter Dean Myers. *Jazz*. Illus. Christopher Myers (New York: Holiday House, 2006) and Walter Dean Myers. *Street Love* (New York: Amistad/HarperTempest, 2006). This year's judges were Angela Sorby, Joseph T. Thomas Jr., and Richard Flynn. Their essay about the winners and, more inclusively, about the year's work in poetry for children, "Messages in a Bottle," will be published in the September 2007 issue of *The Lion and the Unicorn*.

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