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Local author wins two top literary prizes

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A Tucson author won first place in both a local and national contest for her book on Arizona's most notorious gun-slingers of the 1800s.

Jan Cleere took the prize in the local 2007 National Federation of Press Women's Communications contest for her book *Outlaw Tales of Arizona: True Stories of Arizona's Most Famous Robbers, Rustlers and Bandits*.

This work of non-fiction also placed first nationally in the National Federation of Press Women's Communications contest.

According to a news release, Cleere's book explores the deeds of men and women who tested the limits of western hospitality. It documents what is described as the "wild times" of the 1800s when there were no laws to abide by and no one was safe from gun-toting outlaws.

Cleere's first published work, *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women*, was a finalist in the 2006 Arizona Press Women's contest. Her next book, *Amazing Girls of Arizona: True Stories of Young Pioneers* is scheduled to be released in the fall.

For more information on Jan Cleere or any of her books, [click here](#).