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Mount Mary College Faculty Member Receives National Book Award

MILWAUKEE (January 20, 2011) –*Janis Joplin: Rise up Singing*, by Ann Angel, M.F.A, and assistant professor of English at Mount Mary College, has been selected as the winner of the 2011 Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Award for Excellence in Nonfiction. This award honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a November 1 – October 31 publishing year.

Angel accepted the award at the American Library Association’s annual midwinter meeting in San Diego, CA on January 11, 2011, just a few days prior to Janis Joplin’s birthday on January 19th.

Published by Amulet/Abrams, *Janis Joplin: Rise up Singing* follows Joplin’s path to become an icon of American music in her short, tragic life. More information on the book and Ann Angel can be found at <http://www.annangelwriter.com>. More information on the YALSA award can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm>.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Ann Angel is presented the Award for Excellence in Nonfiction by Teri Lesesne, a member of YALSA's Excellence in Nonfiction Committee. Photo by Sarah Gilbert.

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