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### **David T. Page, author of *Yosemite & The Southern Sierra Nevada: Great Destinations*, wins Best Guidebook and Outdoor Writer of the Year**

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Outdoor Writers Association of California (OWAC) presented its 2008 Craft Awards at its annual conference, paying homage to the best outdoor writing, photography, video and radio broadcast work of the year. David Page took home the prestigious OWAC Writer of the Year Award as well as Best Guidebook of the Year for his guide to Yosemite and the Southern Sierra Nevada—unseating bestselling outdoor writer Tom Stienstra.

Judges had high praise for the book, calling it, “the best flat-out writing...Amazing historical and geological context” that offers a “kaleidoscope of details.”

*Yosemite & The Southern Sierra Nevada: Great Destinations* (Countryman Press) is the only complete guide for California’s Southern Sierra Nevada, covering the entire region from Yosemite’s Tioga Pass to Mammoth Lakes, Sequoia National Park, Kings Canyon, and Death Valley, with hundreds of detailed reviews of lodgings, campgrounds, activities, outfitters, provisions, hiking trails, and points of historical and cultural interest.

**David Page** has written for the Discovery Channel, the *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, *Men's Journal*, *Backcountry*, *Eastside Magazine* and *The New York Times*. In last year’s OWAC competition, he received awards for “Best Magazine Feature” and “Best Freelance Journalism” for work in the *LA Times Magazine* and the *New York Times*. He lives in Mammoth Lakes, California, with his wife and his two young sons.

Founded in 1986, OWAC is considered the West’s premier media association for outdoor journalists and photographers. OWAC members reach an audience of nearly 20 million readers, listeners, and viewers in the largest outdoor market in America.

Distinctive for their accuracy, simplicity, and conversational tone, the diverse travel guides in the **Great Destinations** series meet the conflicting demands of the modern traveler. They’re packed full of up-to-date information to help plan the perfect getaway. Recommended by the *New York Times* and *National Geographic Traveler*, Great Destinations guides are a tool travelers turn to before, during, and after their trip.

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For more information go to <http://www.sierrasurvey.com>. For a review copy of *Yosemite & The Southern Sierra Nevada: Great Destinations* or information on booking an interview with David Page, please contact Courtney Andree at 802-457-4826 or by email at [candree@wnnorton.com](mailto:candree@wnnorton.com).