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Deaths on Pleasant Street Wins Award

June 4, 2010, Kirksville, Mo.— *Deaths on Pleasant Street* is the 2009 Book of the Year Award winner in *ForeWord Reviews* True Crime category.

In his first book, published by Truman State University Press, Giles Fowler recounts the 1910 murder trial involving the wealthy Swope family of Kansas City. Following the highly publicized “trial of the century,” which never led to a successful conviction, the legend surrounding the deaths grew and continues to fascinate the public today.

Fowler’s many years of reporting and editing at the *Kansas City Star*, and years of teaching journalism at Kansas State University and Iowa State University, helped him craft this gripping true-crime story with a compelling narrative.

The *ForeWord Reviews* Book of the Year awards represent the best independently published works from 2009 selected by a panel of librarian and bookseller judges. Books were submitted by independent publishers in 60 categories.

ForeWord’s publisher Victoria Sutherland said, “This year more than ever before, we heard from the judges how great the finalist books were and how difficult it was to make their decisions. Despite this tough economy, independent publishers are producing some of the best books out there, and we are happy to honor them.”

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