

AAHM Welch Medal Committee—2009-2010

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The Welch Medal Committee is pleased to announce that the Welch Medal winner is Warwick Anderson for his book *The Collectors of Lost Souls: Turning Kuru Scientists into Whitemen* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008). Committee members were struck by the originality of the book, by the extensive research over many years that went into its writing, and by the fascinating and compelling account of the interaction of Western scientists with the Fore people of New Guinea.

Prospective committee members should know that work on this committee requires a lot of reading. The committee reviewed nearly 50 books published in the years 2004-2008 for the award. Some books were nominated by authors, some by publishers, and some by individuals.

The chair would like to thank committee members for all their hard work. She would also like to recommend that the AAHM Council give thought to setting up another book prize for the association, perhaps for first books, as there is a wealth of scholarship in the history of medicine field that deserves recognition. This might be something that an individual who wants to give to the AAHM would like to endow.

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