



Awards & Honors Received by Pearl S. Buck

1 Pulitzer Prize in Letters, For *“The Good Earth.”* Best novel published during the year by and American author; President of Columbia University, New York City; June 1, 1932

2 William Dean Howells Award, For *“The Good Earth”*; Presented by the American Academy of Arts and Letters; 1935

3 Elected Membership, Recognition of distinguished work in the arts; National Institute of Art and Letters; At the annual meeting held in New York City; 1936

4 Nobel Prize for Literature, For the rich and genuine epic portrayals of Chinese peasant life, and for masterpieces of biography, The body of works: *East Wind, West Wind, The Good Earth, Sons, Young Revolutionist, The First Wife, A House Divided, The Mother, The Exile, The Fighting Angel, This Proud Heart, All Men are Brothers (Translation-Vol. I & II Shui Hu Chuan)*; December 10, 1938

5 Bronze Medal, For literary achievement; The Society for the Libraries of New York University; Juror 1940, 1941, 1942

6 Citation from the National Committee for Planned Parenthood, Recognition of Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Human Welfare; National Committee for Planned Parenthood; 1941

7 Order of Jade, Recognition of services to Chinese people; Presented by the Chinese ambassador Hu Shih, Washington D.C. Chinese Embassy; March 25, 1941 (announced)

8 Certificate, National Association of Negro BPW; November 23, 1943

9 National Student Association of Japan, Tie Clip with cobalt enamel image of the islands of Japan. Inscribed as “1946-JNSA-1956.”

10 Cornell University Award, Honoring Cornellians who have received the Nobel Prize; in appreciation of noteworthy achievements and unselfish and productive career in the service of humanity; Cornell University Board of Trustees at a testimonial dinner, New York; February 17, 1947

11 Award of the Child Study Association of America for the “Big Wave”, *The “Big Wave”* which with simple beauty give young people a strong significant story of the triumph of life over the tides of death and destruction; Children’s Book Commission; 1948

12 Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, Gold with engravings; 1950

13 Certificate of Recognition, In recognition of her unselfish services in behalf of developmentally disabled and handicapped children everywhere; Members of PA Association for Retarded and handicapped children, Inc.; June 15, 1950

14 The Woman of the Year Award, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies; 1951

15 Appreciation Plaque, Planning Executives Institute, Philadelphia-Delaware Valley Chapter; 1951

16 Annual Award, Recognition of her Welcome House project; Retail Children’s Wear Association (Philadelphia Area); May 17, 1953

17 Page One Award in Literature, For enduring contribution to the enjoyment and enlightenment of people everywhere through her rich portrayals of Chinese life in story, novel and biography that have made Oriental civilization understandable and significant to the West; Newspaper Guild of Greater Philadelphia; Presented at the Guild’s second annual Page One Dinner Dance Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Phila., PA; November 7, 1953

18 Bronze Medal, For distinguished service of elementary education; New Jersey State Teachers College at Newark; 1955

19 Brotherhood Award, For *“My Several Worlds;”* National Conference of Christians & Jews; Presented during Brotherhood Week, 1955

20 Testimony of Admiration, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (PA Branch); October 17, 1955

21 The Amethyst Cross of Malta, The Philadelphia Cotillion Society; December 30, 1955

22 Human Service Award, For constant, meaningful, and devoted effort on behalf of human relations, understanding of religious values and community living, thereby creating a more wholesome environment for our society; The University Religious Council of Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; February 23, 1956

23 Member of the State Council of Education, Commission of PA Governor’s office to Pearl S. Buck, Governor George M. Leeder; July 31, 1956

24 Award of Appreciation, For her great efforts on behalf of the developmentally disabled; The New York League for the AHRG; November 12, 1956

25 Woman of Distinction Award, For interfaith endeavors and humanitarian achievements; B’Nai B’Rith Ruth Marks Magilner Chapter Philadelphia; December 11, 1956

26 Oriental Bronze Medal, 1957

27 Spirit of Achievement Award, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University (Women’s Division) Waldorf Astoria, NYC; April 4, 1957

28 Member of the State Council of Education, Authority of the Commonwealth of PA, Doylestown, PA; June 21, 1957

29 Philadelphia B’Nai B’Rith Interfaith Award, For outstanding service in promoting good will among all faiths and races. In her honor a gift of \$500 was contributed to the Welcome House, Inc; December 15, 1957

30 Citation for Meritorious Service, President’s committee on employment of the physically handicapped; May 22, 1958

31 Award of Recognition, Lecturer, writer, international humanitarian, etc.; National Council of Negro Women (Philadelphia Council); May 23, 1958

32 Leadership for Freedom Award, Women’s Scholarship Association, Roosevelt University; June 4, 1958

33 Cardoza Memorial Award, Recognition of outstanding contributions to the American way of life. In furtherance of the ideals and philosophies of Benjamin Nathan Cardoza Association—Justice, Supreme Court of U.S., Philadelphia, PA; Tau Epsilon Rho Law Fraternity, Philadelphia; December 30, 1958

34 Wisdom Magazine Award, Leon Gutterman, Editor and Publisher; 1959

35 Plaque, Tribute for outstanding services to developmentally disabled children; Allegheny County Chapter of the PA Association for Developmentally Disabled Children Inc.; January 19, 1959

36 The Constance Lindsay Skinner Award, As author, publisher, humanitarian; The Women’s National Book Association; 1960

37 Citation of Distinguished Service, *Field of Fine Arts*; Randolph-Macon Woman’s College; March 3, 1960

38 Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition of outstanding service to crippled children & adults; The PA Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc (The Easter Seal Society); May 20, 1960



39 The Yowon Monthly Magazine of Korea, In memory of visiting Korea; November 1, 1960

40 Certificate of Life Membership, *For having paid the sum of \$500 into the Treasury of the National Office, testifying forever to her faith in the cause and future of the Negro in the U.S., and in the Foundation Principles of the American Republic*; Board of Directors of NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People); March, 1961

41 PARC Award, *For dedicated service to the developmentally disabled*; Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children Executive committee; Philadelphia, PA; June 2, 1961

42 Two Pens Presented with bronze Lions International emblem, *Presented in sincere appreciation*; Lions International; June 24, 1961

43 The Wesley Award, *For Distinguished Service to Humanity*; Wesley College Inc., Dover; DE; 1962

44 Certificate of Merit, Big Brother Association; May 3, 1962

45 Order of the Thirty-Fifth Star, *Having achieved outstanding success and favorable national prominence and participating in the 1963 Centennial Program*; West Virginia Centennial Commission

46 West Virginia Centennial Dinner Honoring Pearl S. Buck, June 6, 1963

47 Certificate, *Outstanding and meritorious service on behalf of the mentally retarded*; National Rehabilitation Association (West Virginia Chapter); June 7, 1963

48 Author Award, *For "The Living Reed" (in the category of novel)*; N.J. Association of Teachers of English; November 8, 1963

49 Plaque, *Exhibitor Korea Trade Promotion Pavilion of NY World's Fair*; Oh, Pom Sik, President Kotra; 1964–1965

50 Appreciation Award, *For Patrons and Friends*; Special Patient Clinic, School of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania; 1964

51 The Gimble Award for 1963, *Achievement for unique service to humanity*; Jan 9, 1964

52 Annual Horatio Alger Award, *Towards the enhancing of the American tradition of overcoming obstacles to achieve success through diligence, industry and perseverance*; American Schools and Colleges Association; May 14, 1964

53 Samuel S. Fels Award, *Builder of bridges, compassionate spokesman for children everywhere, loving benefactor of the retarded and handicapped and peerless proponent of international understanding*; Samuel S. Fels Junior High School; June 16, 1964

54 Albert Einstein Award; Albert Einstein Medical Center, Centennial Corp; 1965

55 Honorary Citizen of Fort Worth, Texas; City of Fort Worth; February 24, 1965

56 Honorary Citizen of Tucson, From the Mayor, Lew Davis, Tucson, AZ, (The Sunshine City); March 29, 1965

57 National Soujourner Truth Meritorious Service Award, *For meritorious community service; deep concern for and participation in all activities advancing the status of women*; National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., Philadelphia, and Vicinity, E. Bryant, National President, Marion, PA; May 8, 1965

58 Brith Shalom Annual Humanitarian Award, *For bearing witness through her creative genius to man's common humanity and his search for dignity and peace, and for her life-long contributions to the alleviation of human suffering*; June 28, 1965

59 Gratitude for Extended Care in Struggle for World Order, Woman's International League for Peace & Freedom, Philadelphia, PA; October 15, 1965

60 The Pilgrim Medal of Defiance College; 1966

61 Daughter of the Year, West Virginia Society of the District of Columbia; May 13, 1966

62 Bronze Medal, XXXIV International P.E.N Congress NY; June 12–16, 1966

63 Medal, City Business Club of Philadelphia; March 3, 1967

64 Honorary Citizen of Huntsville, City Council of Huntsville, AL; March 16, 1967

65 Citation, Order of Merit, Moran Medal, *Recognition and appreciation for distinguished service to the cause and welfare and friendship*; Office of the President of the Republic of Korea, Park Chung Hee; June 14, 1967

66 International Award Pearl S. Buck, Aware International; 1968

67 Honorary Citizenship of Seoul City, Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, City of Seoul, Republic of Korea; March 14, 1968

68 Sarah Coventry Award Woman of the Year, *In recognition of her dedication to children who need special love*; The Men and Women of Sarah Coventry; May 1968

69 ELA Award for Literature, The Eighth Lively Arts; 1969

70 International Humanity Service Award, American Overseas Association; 1969

71 PCAW Award (Perseverance, Courage, Achievement and Womanhood), *We honor*

you for your perseverance, We praise you for your courage, We acknowledge your many achievements, We pay tribute to your womanhood; The Philadelphia Club of Advertising Women; March 28, 1969

72 Life Membership Certificate, Special Education Association Philadelphia, PA; May 7, 1969

73 Honorable Leopold C. Glass Founder's Anniversary Award, *For outstanding achievement in the support of Old Glory*; Philadelphia Flag Day Association; June 14, 1969

74 Humanitarian Award, *As an expression of esteem and sincere appreciation of her untiring effort on behalf of her fellow man*; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, King's County Chapter, Inc., Presented at Waldorf-Astoria, New York City; December 7, 1969

75 Certificate of Recognition of 10 or more years of membership, *For her interest and loyal support*; Adoptive Parents Committee, Inc.; January 10, 1970

76 Plaque, *For work with developmentally disabled children of the world*; American Institute for Mental Studies Board of Trustees, Vineland, NJ; December 8, 1970

77 Beta Sigma Phi International Honorary Member, City Council sponsored by Nu Upsilon Chapter; Sandusky, OH; 1973

78 House Concurrent Resolution #6, *Resolution recognizing the life, work, literary attainments, and humane contribution of a famous West Virginian*; State of West Virginia House of Delegates (Adopted by the Legislature of WV); March 8, 1973

79 House designated as National, Historic Landmark, *January 18, 1980*; Board of Commissioners, Bucks County, Doylestown, PA

80 Proclamation of Pearl S. Buck Week in Bucks County, *June 4 through June 11, 1983*

81 Inductee, The Path of the Just, *For individuals whose lives of altruistic service have fostered human rights, individual empowerment, and religious toleration*; La Sierra University; Riverside, California; October 31, 2009

82 Top Ten International Friends of China Award of Foreign Friends, #13 PEARL S. BUCK, *"Friends who have extended their friendly helping hands to China over the past 100 years;"* Chinese Connection; China; December 8, 2009

83 The Carnation Bouquet of Honor, Carnation Company, Milwaukee, WI

84 Pewter Wreath and Seal of Pennsylvania

85 Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, Academy of Women

