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minds us of the good work we do and the right we have to
take pride in our job. He motivates us to work harder and to
fight the groups which would limit intellectual freedom.
Frosty's refusal to bow to censorship encourages us to emu-
late him."

The Virginia Association of Teachers of English
recognizes Dr. Robert Small. Bob Small has distin-
guished himself as one of NCTE's leading advocates for
intellectual freedom. He has been actively involved in writ-
ing and speaking about censorship since 1975. He has
served as a member and chair of the Intellectual Freedom
Committees of NCTE's Conference on English Education,
of the Young Adult Services Division of the American Li-
brary Association, of the Assembly on Literature for Ado-
lescents of NCTE (ALAN), and of the International Reading
Association's Special Interest Group: A Network on Ado-
lescent Literature (SIGNAL).

The Washington State Council of Teachers of En-
grish recognizes Jim Bodeen and Linda C. Brown. Jim
Bodeen and Linda Brown battled against attempts to censor
six books at their high school in the Yakima School District.
Five were from the International Baccalaureate Honors
Program's prescribed world literature list (Native Son by
Richard Wright, Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison, House of
the Spirits by Isabel Allende, July's People by Nadine
Gordimer, and Death of Artemio Cruz by Carlos Fuentes).
The sixth book, Like Water For Chocolate by Laura Esquivel,
had been requested as a text for seniors in a Latino litera-
ture class. During the very contentious process including
much media coverage, a trial, and threats, Bodeen and Brown
displayed leadership in fighting for good literature and the
right of students to see themselves reflected in the curricu-
um. All books except the Allende novel, which had been pur-
bought without following the district's book adoption policy,
were retained.

National Intellectual Freedom Award
Also Presented in Detroit

Judy Duprez, Chair of the NCTE/SLATE Steering Com-
mittee on Social and Political Concerns, presented the first
NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award to representatives of
the Washington Coalition Against Censorship (WCAC)
during the Opening Banquet of the 1997 NCTE Annual
Convention in Detroit. Founded in 1981, the Washington
Coalition Against Censorship works to preserve and pro-
tect First Amendment rights and to support the diversity
and freedom of a pluralistic society. Executive Director
Barbara Dority and WCAC board members work with
teachers, librarians, and others to fight challenges to books,
videos, and other forms of expression. WCAC maintains a
statewide clearinghouse of censorship challenges and in-
formation and produces a variety of educational materi-
als. Coalition members include the American Civil Liberties
Union of Washington, the American Association of Uni-
versity Women of Washington, the Pacific Northwest Book-
sellers Association, and many other organizations that are
committed to the freedom to learn and to express ideas not
always supported by the majority.

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Bookshelf Alpha by Author
by Jim Brewbaker

I rearranged my bookshelf from title alpha to author alpha,
(don’t ask)
interesting shelf-follows Eisner and Elbow
Eliot’s educational imagination
Peter’s proverbial “what is English?”
beats me, Poter, never could figure it out myself, ask Eliot
for a time Don Graves sat uneasily next to E. D. Hirsch
not good, but along came others to separate them
E.D. ended up bracketed by Hipple and Hook, which took
care of him
besides, Graves had Gallo and Goswami for reinforcement
it would have been nice if Kenneth Macrorie and Jim Moffett could
have gotten together to lead off M through Z, but Mayher
and Meade unconvensionally commonsensically intervened
which was their right
P offered heavy hitters Perkins Postman Purkey Purves
Powell
David’s smart schools
Neil’s subversion
Bill’s invitations
Alan’s porcupines
Arthur’s shopping mall
side by side for the asking
then Ted Sizer’s compromise and Horace’s school
Smagorinsky’s expressions
Small and Straypek
Smitherman’s black talk (dare I say Ebonics?)
all in a row on their way to Zinsser, the eminent anchor

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bus State University, Columbus, Georgia.