

The 2023 Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement  
Award Recipient

# Sheldon Russell



*The award will be presented at the  
34th Annual Oklahoma Book Awards*

*Saturday, April 22, 2023*

*6 p.m. cocktails and book signing*

*7 p.m. dinner*

*A talk by Sheldon Russell and the OBA book award presentations follow.*

*All invited. For tickets, please call 405.522.3383.*



I learned from (Pat) Conroy to worry more about quality and less about quantity. From (John) Steinbeck, I learned the power of place, and from (Larry) McMurtry, the structure of narrative well told. I'm still learning from the world of crime writers, Robert B. Parker's incisive use of dialogue, John MacDonald's seamless transitions in his Travis McGee Series, James Patterson's cliff-hanging suspense.

— SHELDON RUSSELL