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The Phi Beta Kappa Book Awards, given annually by the national scholarly honor society - each award carries a \$2500 prize - have gone this year to Irvin Ehrenpreis, George Greenstein and David G. Roskies.

Ehrenpreis, professor of English literature at the University of Virginia, received the Christian Gauss award for literary scholarship and criticism for the final volume of his trilogy, "Swift: The Man, His Works. and the Age" (Harvard University Press). Greenstein, an astrophysicist and professor of astronomy at Amherst College, received the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science, presented "for outstanding contributions by scientists to the literature of science" for "Frozen Star: Of Pulsars. Black Holes and the Fate of Stars' (Freundlich Books). The book also received the 1984 American Institute of Physics Award for the best book by a scientist. Roskies, associate professor of Jewish literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, received the Ralph Waldo Emerson Award for his book, "Against the Apocalypse: Responses to Catastrophe in Modern Jewish Culture."

Paul Marion, cultural affairs director for the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, has just published his first collection of poems, "Strong Place," with Lowell's Loom

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