

Black Academy of Arts Honors Jackson's Book

New York

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters last night presented Georgia Jackson with an award for nonfiction won by her late son, George, who was killed at San Quentin Prison a month ago.

Chuck Stone, who presented the award to Mrs. Jackson, said the academy's awards committee had chosen Jackson's book "Soledad Brother," for the award before he was shot down in an alleged attempt to escape from San Quentin.

An audience of 850 persons at the black tie affair in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel heard

Mrs. Jackson tell of her surprise when she was told a week ago that her son had won the book award.

"I have mixed feelings about it," she said. "These things always come too late.

"George always wanted to be a writer," she added. "When he was in prison he asked to take a journalism course, and they laughed. They sent him to the sewing room instead."

The academy also made awards to Katherine Dunham for outstanding achievements in the arts and Gwendolyn Brooks for outstanding achievement in letters.

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