



CELEBRATE
STORY

MEET THE FINALISTS

Winners in all 17 categories will be announced and read briefly.
Saturday June 26, 2021 at 5 p.m. MDT Online



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ANTHOLOGY

- ❑ *Stories That Need to Be Told 2020: A Tulip Tree Anthology* edited by Jennifer Top (TulipTree Publishing, LLC)
- ❑ *Wild: Uncivilized Tales from Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers* edited by Rachel Delaney Craft and Natasha Watts (RMFW Press)
- ❑ *Monsters, Movies & Mayhem* edited by Kevin J. Anderson (WordFire Press)

BIOGRAPHY

- ❑ *Chasing Excellence: The Remarkable Life and Inspiring Vigilosophy of Coach Joe I. Vigil* by Pat Melgares (Soulstice Publishing)
- ❑ *Heartbreak Kennel: The True Story of Max and His Breeder* by Cary Unkelbach (Walden Resources Press)
- ❑ *The Scholar and the Struggle: Lawrence Reddick's Crusade for Black History and Black Power* by David A. Varel (University of North Carolina Press)

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

- ❑ *Cow Boy Is NOT a Cowboy* by Gregory Barrington (HarperCollins)
- ❑ *Flibbertigibbety Words: Young Shakespeare Chases Inspiration* written by Donna Guthrie, illustrated by Åsa Gilland (Page Street Publishing)
- ❑ *I Will Dance* written by Nancy Bo Flood, illustrated by Julianna Swaney (Simon & Schuster)

- ❑ *Snoozapalooza* written by Kimberlee Gard, illustrated by Vivian Mineker (Families)

CREATIVE NONFICTION

- ❑ *The Unreality of Memory and Other Essays* by Elisa Gabbert (Farrar Straus and Giroux)
- ❑ *Edge of the Map: The Mountain Life of Christine Boskoff* by Johanna Garton (Mountaineers Books)
- ❑ *No Option But North: The Migrant World and the Perilous Path Across the Border* written by Kelsey Freeman, photography by Tess Freeman (IG Publishing)
- ❑ *Bridging Worlds: A Sherpa's Story* by Pemba Sherpa and James McVey (Sherpa Publishing)

GENERAL FICTION

- ❑ *Wesley Yorstead Goes Outside* by Stephanie Harper (Propertius Press)
- ❑ *Memories in the Drift* by Melissa Payne (Lake Union Publishing)
- ❑ *Other People's Pets* by R.L. Maizes (Celadon Books)

GENERAL NONFICTION

- ❑ *Lean & Strong: Eating Skills, Psychology, and Workouts* by Josh Hillis (On Target Publications)
- ❑ *Caregiving Done Differently: A Commonsense Approach for Families, Caregivers, and Seniors* by Loretta J. Gilbert and Nancy E. Walker (The Common Sense Approach, LLC)
- ❑ *Glitter Up the Dark: How Pop Music Broke the Binary* by Sasha Geffen (The University of Texas Press)

HISTORICAL FICTION

- ❑ *Creatures of Charm and Hunger* by Molly Tanzer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- ❑ *Fierce Dreamer* by Linda Lafferty (Linda Lafferty)
- ❑ *Across the Winding River* by Aimie K. Runyan (Lake Union)

HISTORY

- ❑ *Colorado's Highest: The History of Naming the 14,000-Foot Peaks* written by Jeri Norgren, photography by John Fielder (John Fielder Publishing)
- ❑ *Yanks Behind the Lines: How the Commission for Relief in Belgium Saved Millions from Starvation during World War I* by Jeffrey B. Miller (Rowman & Littlefield)
- ❑ *The Bad Old Days of Colorado: Untold Stories of the Wild West* by Randi Samuelson-Brown (Two Dot (Rowman & Littlefield))

JUVENILE LITERATURE

- ❑ *Born Curious: 20 Girls Who Grew Up to Be Awesome Scientists* written by Martha Freeman, illustrated by Katy Wu (Simon & Schuster)
- ❑ *When You Know What I Know* by Sonja K. Solter (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)
- ❑ *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* written by Fleur Bradley, illustrated by Xavier Bonet (Viking/Penguin Random House)

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - CHARLES F. WILKINSON

- ❑ *Messages from Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian Way* (University of Washington Press, 2000)
- ❑ *Blood Struggle—The Rise of Modern Indian Nations* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2005)

LITERARY FICTION

- ❑ *St. Christopher on Pluto* by Nancy McKinley (West Virginia University Press)
- ❑ *The Gringa* by Andrew Altschul (Melville House Press)
- ❑ *The Loneliest Band in France: A Novella* by Dylan Fisher (Texas Review Press)

MYSTERY

- ❑ *Death of a Car Salesman* by Collin Brantmeyer (Ready Demolition Books)
- ❑ *Shadow Ridge: A Jo Wyatt Mystery* by M.E. Browning (Crooked Lane Books -- The Quick Brown Fox & Company)
- ❑ *Gone to Darkness* by Barbara Nickless (Thomas & Mercer)

PICTORIAL

- ❑ *The Aspen Cookbook: 100+ favorite recipes from local chefs and restaurants* edited by Amanda Rae Busch, illustrated by Julia Bridgforth (Aspen Board of Realtors)
- ❑ *Chicana Activists of Colorado: Powerful Women Paper Dolls and Their Stories* by Deborah Martinez Martinez, illustrated by Robert W. Pacheco (Vanishing Horizons)
- ❑ *The American West in Art* edited by Thomas Brent Smith and Jennifer R. Henneman (5 Continents Edition)

POETRY

- ❑ *A History of Kindness* by Linda Hogan (Torrey House Press)
- ❑ *This Way to the Grand As-Is: New and Selected Poems* by Aaron Anstett (Sagging Meniscus)
- ❑ *Anodyne* by Khadijah Queen (Tin House)

ROMANCE

- ❑ *A Cowboy State of Mind: A Creedence Horse Rescue Novel* by Jennie Marts (Sourcebooks Casablanca, an imprint of Sourcebooks)
- ❑ *Shall We Dance?* by Shelley Shepard Gray (Blackstone Publishing)
- ❑ *Custodian of the Spirits* by Bronwyn Long Borne (The Wild Rose Press)

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

- ❑ *Tower of the Four: The Champions Academy Episodes 1-3* by Todd Fahnestock (F4 Publishing)
- ❑ *White Trash Warlock* by David R. Slayton (Blackstone Publishing)
- ❑ *Once Again: A Novel* by Catherine Wallace Hope (Alcove Press, an Imprint of Crooked Lane Books)

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THRILLER

- ☐ *The Burn Patient: A Vega and Middleton Novel* by Sue Hinkin
(Literary Wanderlust)
- ☐ *Winter Counts* by David Heska Wanbli Weiden
(Ecco/HarperCollins)
- ☐ *Her Perfect Life* by Rebecca Taylor (Sourcebooks Landmark, an imprint of Sourcebooks)

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YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

- ☐ *10 Things I Hate about Pinky* by Sandhya Menon
(Simon & Schuster)
- ☐ *Turtle under Ice* by Juleah del Rosario (Simon & Schuster)
- ☐ *Offline* by Donna Cooner
(Point Scholastic)



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