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## Colorado Book Award Winners Announced

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO (May 22, 2017) Winners of the 2017 Colorado Book Awards were announced and read briefly on Sunday, May 21, at a celebration event held at the Parker Arts, Culture & Events Center in Parker, CO. Over 160 people enjoyed the readings, book sales and signings and the reception that followed the program.

#### **Anthology**

*Found: Short Stories by Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers*, edited by Mario Acevedo (RMFW Press)

#### **Biography**

*Rough Riders: Theodore Roosevelt, His Cowboy Regiment, and the Immortal Charge Up San Juan Hill* by Mark Lee Gardner (William Morrow)

#### **Children's Literature**

*Octopuses One to Ten* by Ellen Jackson, illustrations by Robin Page (Beach Lane Books)

#### **Creative Nonfiction**

*The Man Who Thought He Owned Water: On the Brink with American Farms, Cities, and Food* by Tershia d'Elgin (University Press of Colorado)

#### **General Fiction**

*Breaking Wild: A Novel* by Diane Les Becquets (Berkley Books)

#### **General Nonfiction**

*Colorado Then & Now* by Grant Collier (Collier Publishing, LLC)

#### **Genre Fiction**

*Amaryllis and Other Stories* by Carrie Vaughn (Fairwood Press)

#### **History**

*Coyote Valley: Deep History in the High Rockies* by Thomas G. Andrews (Harvard University Press)

#### **Juvenile Literature**

*Waiting for Augusta* by Jessica Lawson (Simon & Schuster)

#### **Literary Fiction**

*13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl* by Mona Awad (Penguin Books)

#### **Mystery**

*Blood on the Tracks* by Barbara Nickless (Thomas & Mercer)

#### **Poetry**

*Post-: Poems* by Wayne Miller (Milkweed Editions)

**Thriller**

*Revelation: A Thriller* by Carter Wilson (Oceanview Publishing)

**Young Adult Literature**

*Beneath Wandering Stars* by Ashlee Cowles (Merit Press)

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Interviews with winners and finalists, book covers, headshots and event photos and video are available upon request to Bess Maher, Program Coordinator, 303 894 7951 x19 or [bess@coloradohumanities.org](mailto:bess@coloradohumanities.org).

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