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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **2020 Colorado Book Award Winners Announced**

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO (June 1, 2020) Winners of the 2020 Colorado Book Awards were announced and read briefly on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at a celebration event held at 4:00 p.m. on Facebook Live @cohumanities. Finalists filled two Zoom rooms for the traditional picture, over 1,000 people viewed the program while it was live, and the program is still available to view. An after-party for the winners and finalists was held via Zoom.

Special guests included the Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book Board Chair, Thor Nelson, a partner at Holland & Hart LLP, and Larry Ryckman, managing partner of *The Colorado Sun*.

Sponsored by Outskirts Press and *The Colorado Sun*, the Colorado Book Awards recognized outstanding contributions by Colorado authors, editors, and illustrators in 16 categories.

### **The winners are:**

#### **Anthology/Collection**

*Rise: An Anthology of Change* edited by Northern Colorado Writers (Northern Colorado Writers, LLC)

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

*Truman* by Jean Reidy, illustrated by Lucy Ruth Cummins (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster)

#### **Creative Nonfiction**

*Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country* by Pam Houston (W.W. Norton & Company)

#### **General Fiction**

*The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger (Riverhead Books/Penguin Random House)

#### **General Nonfiction**

*Taste the Sweetness Later: Two Muslim Women in America* by Connie Shoemaker (Amity Bridge Books)

**History**

*Scholars of Mayhem: My Father's Secret War in Nazi-Occupied France* by Daniel C. Guiet and Timothy K. Smith (Penguin Press)

**Juvenile Literature**

*Tree of Dreams* by Laura Resau (Scholastic Press)

**Literary Fiction**

*Burn Fortune* by Brandi Homan (CLASH Books)

**Mystery**

*Celtic Empire* by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler (G.P. Putnam's Sons)

**Pictorial**

*Bird Parade* by Patrick Loehr (Centipede Press)

**Poetry**

*How To Dress a Fish* by Abigail Chabitnoy (Wesleyan University Press)

**Romance**

*Zapata, Book 1: The Border Series* by Harper McDavid (Soul Mate Publishing)

**Science Fiction/Fantasy**

*An Illusion of Thieves* by Cate Glass (Tor Books)

**Short Story Collection**

*Not a Thing to Comfort You* by Emily Wortman-Wunder (University of Iowa Press)

**Thriller**

*The Dead Girl in 2A* by Carter Wilson (Sourcebooks)

**Young Adult Literature**

*There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon (Simon Pulse, Simon & Schuster Children's Division)

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