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Colorado Book Awards Online Biography and Creative Nonfiction Finalist Reading

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Enjoy Colorado authors' stories of athletic excellence, dog breeding, migrant journeys, underappreciated intellectuals, and all things in-between Wednesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. MT when finalists in the Colorado Book Awards Biography and Creative Nonfiction categories read. Authors will also answer attendees' questions at this free Facebook and YouTube live event. Kevin Simpson, co-founder of The Colorado Sun, will M.C.

Register for this free event and view the full finalist reading schedule at coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/

Biography Finalists

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)

Creative Nonfiction Finalists

The Unreality of Memory and Other Essays by Elisa Gabbert (Farrar Straus & 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 Jim McVey (Sherpa Publishing)

All finalist books are available for online order at [BookBar](https://bookbar.com), our presenting partner. Thanks to sponsors Outskirts Press and The Colorado Sun, winners will be announced and read briefly at a free celebration event June 26, 2021. Register at coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/

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