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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **2021 Colorado Book Award Winners Announced**

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Winners of the 2021 Colorado Book Awards were announced and read briefly on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at a celebration event held at 5:00 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Sixty-two finalists filled three Zoom rooms for the traditional picture. Over 100 people viewed the program while it was live, and the program is still available to view. A watch-party was held at BookBar to accommodate a limited live audience.

Special guests included the newly appointed Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book Board Chair, Taffy Lee, and previous Board Chair Thor Nelson, a partner at Holland & Hart LLP, who presented the awards.

Sponsored by Outskirts Press and The Colorado Sun, the Colorado Book Awards recognized outstanding contributions by Colorado authors, editors, photographers, and illustrators in 17 categories. Additionally, this year the Colorado Book Awards Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Charles F. Wilkinson.

The winners are:

#### **Anthology**

*Monsters, Movies & Mayhem* edited by Kevin J. Anderson (WordFire Press)

#### **Biography**

*The Scholar and the Struggle: Lawrence Reddick's Crusade for Black History and Black Power* by David Varel (University of North Carolina Press)

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

*Cow Boy Is NOT a Cowboy* written and illustrated by Gregory Barrington (HarperCollins)

#### **Creative Nonfiction**

*No Option But North: The Migrant World and the Perilous Path Across the Border* written by Kesley Freeman with photography by Tess Freeman (I.G. Publishing)

**General Fiction**

*Other People's Pets* by R.L. Maizes (Celadon Books)

**General Nonfiction**

*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)

**History**

*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)

**Juvenile Literature**

*Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* written by Fleur Bradley, illustrated by Xavier Bonet (Viking/Penguin Random House)

**Literary Fiction**

*The Loneliest Band in France: A Novella* by Dylan Fisher (Texas Review Press)

**Mystery**

*Shadow Ridge: A Jo Wyatt Mystery* by M.E. Browning (Crooked Lane Books (The Quick Brown Fox & Company))

**Pictorial**

*The American West in Art* edited by Thomas Brent Smith and Jennifer "J.R." Henneman (5 Continents Edition)

**Poetry**

*A History of Kindness* by Linda Hogan (Torrey House Press)

**Romance**

*Custodian of the Spirits* by Bronwyn Long Borne (The Wild Rose Press)

**Science Fiction/Fantasy**

*Once Again* by Catherine Wallace Hope (Alcove Press, an Imprint of Crooked Lane Books)

**Thriller**

*The Burn Patient: A Vega and Middleton Novel* by Sue Hinkin (Literary Wanderlust)

**Young Adult Literature**

*10 Things I Hate about Pinky* by Sandhya Menon (Simon & Schuster)

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