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## Colorado Book Award Winners Announced

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Colorado Book Awards winners were announced and read briefly on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at a celebration at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House Studio Loft in Denver. Over 100 attendees gathered to celebrate Colorado's best literature published in 2021, buy books, and meet the authors. Colorado Humanities Board Chair Taffy Lee and sponsor Unite for Literacy presented the awards.

"Colorado is rich with outstanding writers in every genre. Every year we are more impressed with the quality of Colorado Book Award entries. It is our honor to review the annual submissions and recognize Colorado's authors," said Colorado Humanities Executive Director Margaret Coval.

Sponsored by The Colorado Sun and Unite for Literacy and in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library of Congress Center for the Book, the Bookies Bookstore, and BookBar, the Colorado Book Awards recognized outstanding contributions by Colorado authors, editors, and illustrators in 15 categories.

The winners are:

### **Anthology**

*Shadow Atlas: Dark Landscapes of the Americas*

edited by Carina Bissett, Hillary Dodge, and Joshua Viola and illustrated by Aaron Lovett  
(Hex Publishers)

### **Biography**

*Alpha: Eddie Gallagher and the War for the Soul of the Navy Seals*

by David Philipps

(Penguin Random House)

### **Children's Literature**

*Read Island*

by Nicole Magistro and illustrated by Alice Feagan  
(Read Island LLC)

**Creative Nonfiction**

*Desert Chrome: Water, a Woman, and Wild Horses in the West*

by Kathryn Wilder  
(Torrey House Press)

**General Fiction**

*Mixed Company*

by Jenny Shank  
(Texas Review Press)

**General Nonfiction**

*The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun, and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood*

by Julian Rubinstein  
(Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)

**Historical Fiction**

*The Cape Doctor*

by E.J. Levy  
(Little, Brown and Company)

**History**

*Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue*

by Adrian Miller  
(The University of North Carolina Press)

**Juvenile Literature**

*Alone*

by Megan E. Freeman  
(Simon & Schuster)

**Literary Fiction**

*What If We Were Somewhere Else*

by Wendy J. Fox  
(Santa Fe Writers Project)

**Mystery**

*Red Rabbit on the Run*

by Jodi Bowersox

(JB Artistry)

**Poetry**

*We the Jury*

by Wayne Miller

(Milkweed Editions)

**Science Fiction/Fantasy**

*The Reincarnationist Papers*

by D. Eric Maikranz

(Blackstone Publishing)

**Thriller**

*The Dead Husband: A Novel*

by Carter Wilson

(Sourcebooks)

**Young Adult Literature**

*Rise of the Red Hand*

by Olivia Chadha

(Erehon Books)

This year's Colorado Book Awards finalists are invited to join previous years' finalists on the Colorado Center for the Book Speakers Bureau. To book an author, volunteer, or learn more, visit [coloradohumanities.org](http://coloradohumanities.org).