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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Colorado Books Gift Guide

(GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO) Looking for a gift for the book lover this holiday season? Consider choosing from this 2022 Colorado Book Awards list of finalist books from Colorado's best writers, editors, and illustrators.

### Anthology

*All the Lives We Ever Lived*, Volume 2 edited by Manuel Aragon and Roxanne Banks Malia  
*Shadow Atlas: Dark Landscapes of the Americas* edited by Carina Bissett, Hillary Dodge, and Joshua Viola and illustrated by Aaron Lovett  
*Tell It Slant: An Anthology of Creative Nonfiction by Writers from Colorado's Prisons* edited by Elijah Null, Julie Rada, and Suzie Q. Smith

### Biography

*The Girl Who Dared to Defy: Jane Street and the Rebel Maids of Denver* by Jane Little Botkin  
*Alpha: Eddie Gallagher and the War for the Soul of the Navy Seals* by David Philipps  
*Borderlands Curanderos: The Worlds of Santa Teresa Urrea and Don Pedrito Jaramillo* by Jennifer Koshatka Seman

### Children's Literature

*Read Island* by Nicole Magistro and illustrated by Alice Feagan  
*The Beak Book* by Robin Page  
*Hugsby* by Dow Phumiruk

### Creative Nonfiction

*The Next Everest: Surviving the Mountain's Deadliest Day and Finding the Resilience to Climb Again* by Jim Davidson  
*Bless the Birds: Living with Love in a Time of Dying* by Susan J. Tweit  
*Desert Chrome: Water, a Woman, and Wild Horses in the West* by Kathryn Wilder

### General Fiction

*The Night of Many Endings* by Melissa Payne

*Mixed Company* by Jenny Shank  
*The Boundaries of Their Dwelling* by Blake Sanz

### **General Nonfiction**

*The Entrepreneur's Weekly Nietzsche: A Book for Disruptors* by Dave Jilk and Brad Feld  
*Breakthrough: How to Overcome Doubt, Fear, and Resistance to Be Your Ultimate Creative Self* by Todd Mitchell  
*The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun, and the Struggle to Save an American Neighborhood* by Julian Rubinstein

### **Historical Fiction**

*Luther, Wyoming* by Tomas Alamilla and Mario Acevedo  
*Chloe's Mistigri* by Thomas L. Hall  
*The Cape Doctor* by E.J. Levy

### **History**

*Queen City: A Brief History and Illustrated Architecture New and Old of Denver, Colorado* by Karl Christian Krumpholz  
*Black Smoke: African Americans and the United States of Barbecue* by Adrian Miller  
*Going to Trinidad: A Doctor, a Colorado Town, and Stories from an Unlikely Gender Crossroads* by Martin J. Smith

### **Juvenile Literature**

*Noah McNichol and the Backstage Ghost* by Martha Freeman  
*Alone* by Megan E. Freeman  
*Bats, Bandits, and Buggies: A Ruby and Maude Adventure* by Nancy Oswald

### **Literary Fiction**

*Site Fidelity: Stories* by Claire Boyles  
*What If We Were Somewhere Else* by Wendy J. Fox  
*Jeremy Bannister, or The Ups and Downs of an Aspiring Novelist* by Gary Reilly (posthumously by Mark Stevens)

### **Mystery**

*Red Rabbit on the Run* by Jodi Bowersox  
*Canyonlands Carnage: A National Park Mystery* by Scott Graham  
*Break Bone Fever: A Finnerty and Liccione Mystery* by Wanda Venters and Mary Rae

### **Poetry**

*Barefoot and Running* by Morgan Liphart  
*We the Jury* by Wayne Miller  
*Convergences* by Ruth Obee  
*White Lung* by Kimberly O'Connor

### **Science Fiction/Fantasy**

*Khyven the Unkillable* by Todd Fahnestock

*The Reincarnationist Papers* by D. Eric Maikranz

*Magic and Misrule* by KM Merritt

### **Thriller**

*My Heart is a Chainsaw* by Stephen Graham Jones

*The Secret Next Door: A Novel* by Rebecca Taylor

*The Dead Husband: A Novel* by Carter Wilson

### **Young Adult Literature**

*To Break a Covenant* by Alison Ames

*Rise of the Red Hand* by Olivia Chadha

*Girl on the Ferris Wheel* by Julie Halpern and Len Vlahos

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### **Enter the Colorado Book Awards**

Submissions for the Colorado Book Awards are open until January 9, 2023 for books published for the first time in 2022 or the last quarter of 2021. Categories include anthology, fiction (literary, general, genre), history, non-fiction (creative and general), pictorial, poetry, and children's, juvenile, and young adult literature.

### **Volunteer Selectors and Judges Needed**

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To learn more, submit an entry, or apply to help adjudicate, visit [coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/](https://coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/).

### **About the Colorado Book Awards**

The Colorado Book Awards annually celebrates the accomplishments of Colorado's outstanding authors, editors, illustrators, and photographers. Volunteer selectors and judges from across Colorado read submissions to choose finalists and winners.

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