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Colorado Books Gift Guide

(GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO) Colorado Humanities' list of 2023 Colorado Book Award winners and finalists offers a rich source for book lovers featuring a treasure trove of exceptional works crafted by some of Colorado's most brilliant writers, editors, and illustrators.

Enter the Colorado Book Awards

Submissions for the 2024 Colorado Book Awards are open through January 5, 2024 for books published for the first time in 2023 or the last quarter of 2022. Categories include anthology, children's literature, creative nonfiction and memoir, general nonfiction, genre fiction, history, juvenile literature, novel and short story, pictorial, poetry, and young adult literature.

Adult Categories

Anthology

Bizarre Bazaar: A Collection of Stories from Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers
Amy Drayer and Veronica R. Calisto

Denver Noir (winner)
Cynthia Swanson

The Long Devotion
Emily Pérez and Nancy Reddy

Biography/History

Life is a Game: Adventures of a World War II Interrogator and U.S. Soccer Pioneer
G.K. Guennel & Flint Whitlock

The Continuing Storm: Learning from Katrina
Kai Erikson & Lori Peek

The Earth Is All That Lasts: Crazy Horse, Sitting Bull, and the Last Stand of the Great Sioux Nation (winner)
Mark Lee Gardner

Creative Nonfiction

A Pros and Cons List for Strong Feelings
Will Betke-Brunswick

Finding Querencia
Harrison Candelaria Fletcher

Tell Me Everything (winner)
Erika Krouse

Western Journeys
Teow Lim Goh

General Fiction

A Light in the Forest
Melissa Payne

A Quick Trip to Moab: Insurrection in the Wilderness
Kevin T. Jones

The Immortal King Rao (winner)
Vauhini Vara

General Nonfiction

Ecosystems as Models for Restoring Our Economies
John Giordanengo

Tracing Time
Craig Childs

Visual Thinking (winner)
Temple Grandin

Historical Fiction

The School for German Brides
Aimie K. Runyan

Woman of Light
Kali Fajardo-Anstine

Little Souls (winner)
Sandra Dallas

Literary Fiction

Any Other Family
Eleanor Brown

Bratwurst Haven (winner)
Rachel King

Confessions
Sean Eads

Mystery

Aunt Dimity & the Enchanted Cottage (winner)
Nancy Atherton

The Chimera Club
Chuck Greaves

Where Is Mary Bergen?
Craig Marshall Smith

Pictorial

In Pursuit of Happenstance
Barbara Ford & Roberta Smith

To Aspen and Back: An American Journey
Peggy Clifford, David Hiser, & Daniel Joseph Watkins

Vibrant Interiors (winner)
Andrea Monath Schumacher

Poetry

Ill (winner)
Katherine Indermaur

What Flies Want
Emily Pérez

You Better Be Lightning
Andrea Gibson

Romance

All the Flowers of the Mountain (winner)
Christina Holbrook

Hope is Built
Davalynn Spencer

The Duke in Question
Amalie Howard

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Conscious Designs (winner)
Nathanial White

Demon Riding Shotgun
L.R. Braden

Denver Moon: The Thirteen of Mars
Warren Hammond & Joshua Viola

Thriller

Dark of Night
Barbara Nickless

Deep Waters of Destiny
Peter Carlson

The Wrong Woman (winner)
Leanne Kale Sparks

Youth Categories

Children's Literature

If Tigers Disappeared
Lily Williams

Swim, Jim! (winner)
Kaz Windness

Sylvie
Jean Reidy & Lucy Ruth Cummins

Juvenile Literature

Dad's Girlfriend and Other Anxieties
Kellye Crocker

Middle School: Safety Goggles Advised

Jessica Speer & Lesley Irgart

Sisterhood of Sleuths

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Totality! An Eclipse Guide in Rhyme and Science (winner)

Jeffrey Bennett

Young Adult Literature

Azar on Fire

Olivia Abtahi

Bright Ruined Things

Samantha Cohoe

Cold the Night, Fast the Wolves (winner)

Meg Long

To learn more about these titles, visit 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.

About Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book

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