



Oklahoma Book Awards

Call for Entries

Eligibility

- Any individual, organization, or company may enter in any appropriate category.
- Books considered for this award must have an Oklahoma-based theme, or entrants (authors, illustrators, photographers, or book designers) must live or have lived in Oklahoma.
- Books must have been published between January 1 and December 31, 2019.**
- Books—hardcover or paperback—entered in previous Oklahoma Book Award competitions are not eligible.
- Entries are forwarded to judges upon receipt—please enter as soon as possible.

Deadlines

- Entries must be received by **January 3, 2020.**
- Finalists will be notified in **March 2020.**
- Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in **April 2020.**

Judges

A panel of judges will consider all entries. Judges will grant awards at their discretion. Panel members represent a range of expertise in the writing and publishing fields covered by the award categories. Entries in all categories (except the Book Design/Illustration or Photography category) are principally judged on the quality of writing, with organization and interpretation also playing a role in the decision.

Special Notes

- \$25 entry fee is required** for each category entered.
- Entrants will be responsible for all shipping charges—collect shipments will be refused.
- The awards committee reserves the right to change the category of an entry.
- No award will be given in categories where fewer than five entries have been submitted.

Affiliated with the Library of Congress, and located in the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Oklahoma Center for the Book's mission is to promote Oklahoma authors, celebrate the state's literary heritage, and encourage reading for pleasure by Oklahomans.

To accomplish this mission, the Oklahoma Center for the Book sponsors the annual Oklahoma Book Awards, arranges authors' visits to Oklahoma communities, supports statewide literary conferences and events, and participates in special reading and literacy projects for young people.



Thirty-first Annual Oklahoma Book Awards

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Entry Form

For each title you are entering, please include **one completed entry form**, **six (non-returnable) copies of the book**, and a **\$25 entry fee**. For instructions on **submitting e-books**, contact the Oklahoma Center for the Book office. *A title may be entered in more than one category, but another form, an additional six copies of the book, and a separate \$25 entry fee must be submitted for each category entered.*

All entry forms (reproductions are acceptable), books, fees, and other correspondence should be sent to:
Oklahoma Center for the Book, 200 NE 18 Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-3205

For **questions or comments**, please e-mail connie.armstrong@libraries.ok.gov or call (405) 522-3383.

Category (please circle only one—a separate entry form must be used for each category entered—please see note above):

Fiction Children/Young Adult Book Design/Illustration or Photography Non-fiction Poetry

Title of Entry: _____

Full Name of Entrant (Author, Illustrator, Photographer, or Designer): _____

Entries without entrant's contact information will not be considered. Entrant's Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Entrant's Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Publication: _____

This entry is eligible for consideration because of the following connection with Oklahoma:

Publisher's Full Name: _____

Publisher's Telephone, Fax, & E-mail: _____

Contact at Publisher: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

By entering this contest, I give the Oklahoma Center for the Book permission to use the book cover, excerpts from the text, and publicity notices ("blurbs") for the entered book in any promotion of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

Entrant or Publisher Signature: _____

"For books are more than books, they are the life,
The very heart and core of ages past,
The reason why men lived and worked and died,
The essence and quintessence of their lives."

Amy Lowell (1874-1925) Pulitzer Prize winning American poet

"A room without books is like
a body without a soul."

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC) Roman author, orator, & politician



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