



LATINO LITERACY NOW'S INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS

The Largest Awards in the USA Celebrating Achievements in Latino Culture & Literature



The Largest Latino Cultural Awards in the USA Recognizes the Greatness in 233 Authors & Publishers From Across the USA & Around the World

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The International Latino Book Awards Ceremony occurred on September 9th at the Dominguez Ballroom of California State University Dominguez Hills. Over the last 19 years the Int'l Latino Book Awards has grown to become the largest Latino literary and cultural awards in the USA. A crowd of book lovers cheered on this year's 233 author and publisher honorees from across the USA and from 19 countries outside the USA. The 2017 ceremony also unveiled the new, world class medals that were given to all honorees in Recognizing the Greatness they have achieved.

Latinos in the USA will purchase \$700+ million in books in both English and Spanish. The number of books by and about Latinos has risen substantially. In 1980 less than 400 books were written and published by a Latino in the USA. In 2017 that number will be between 25,000 and 30,000. The bottom line is that books targeting Latinos are a growing segment because of the rapid growth of the market and the current gaps in relevant topics being presented.

The ceremony also featured a major salute with The National Latino Trail Blazer Awards for Charlie Ericksen, co-founder of Hispanic Link; Mimi Lozano, founder of Somos Primos; Ambassador Julian Nava; and former Secretary of Labor, Supervisor Hilda Solis. Rick Najera and Katherine A. Díaz were this year's emcees. The Awards also featured musical performances by Suni Paz and Georgette Baker. This list of winning books makes a great Christmas shopping list: a kid's book for this child; a good mystery for that friend, this nonfiction book for that student headed off to college, etc. With all the categories we have, there's at least one perfect book for everyone.

The 2017 Int'l Latino Book Awards are another reflection of the growing quality of books by and about Latinos. In order to handle this large number of books, the Awards had 196 judges, triple the number from 2013. The judges raved about the quality of the entries. The Award sponsors included California State University Dominguez Hills as a Gold Sponsor; The California State University System, Entravision, Latino 247 Media Group, and Libros Publishing as Silver Sponsors and the American Association of Latino Engineers and Scientists, El Aviso, the Los Angeles Community College District, LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes, and Scholastic Books as Bronze Sponsors. Award partners include Las Comadres de las Americas, REFORMA, and Mi Libro Hispano.

Latino Literacy Now, is a nonprofit co-founded in 1997 by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler that has five types of programs: **Latino Book & Family Festivals** around the USA: we've held 63 Festivals attended by a combined 900,000+ people; **Awards** which also include the Latino Books into Movies Awards; **Education programs** like Empowering Students and Education Begins in the Home; **Membership** programs like the Int'l Society of Latino Authors (www.ISLA.news) and the Empowering Speakers Bureau; and **Content** programs like Latino Reads video show plus other online efforts. More about the Awards can be found at www.Award.news and the 2018 entry form is now available.

Amazingly, sales of books by past ILBA winning authors have totaled more than 200 million copies! Winners have included many of the best-known Latino authors including Belinda Acosta, Rodolfo Anaya, Alma Flor Ada, Ron Arias, José Antonio Buciyaga, F. Isabel Campoy, Denise Chavéz, Paulo Coelho, Dr. Camilo Cruz, Junot Díaz, Gabriel García Márquez, Reyna Grande, Juan Felipe Herrera, Oscar Hijuelos, Mario Vargas Llosa, Josefina López, Pablo Neruda, Ana Nogales, Jose-Luis Orozco, Luis Rodriguez, Don Miguel Ruiz, Alisa Valdes, and Victor Villaseñor. Winners have also included well-known figures from other professions including Entertainers like Celia Cruz, Gloria Estefan, Shelia E, Cheech Marin, Rick Najera, Jenni Rivera, Linda Ronstadt, and Carlos Santana; Sports notables Pedro Guerrero, Oscar de la Hoya and Jorge Posada; Media figures like Martín Llorens, Jorge Ramos, Teresa Rodriguez, and Ray Suarez; Public servants like Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Henry Cisneros; and Chefs like Paulina Abascal, Jose Garces, Pati Jinich, and Daisy Martinez.

Here's the winning books; their authors, illustrators & translators; the publisher; and the country of origin and current DMA of the author(s):

A CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARDS

Best Latino Focused Children's Picture Book

FIRST PLACE ¡Todos a comer! A Mexican Alphabet Book, Dr. María Alma González Pérez; Del Alma Publications, LLC; USA/Mexican;

SECOND PLACE The Art of Memory, Various Authors; Lectura Books; ;

HONORABLE MENTION La leyenda de la sirena Colombiana, Janet Balletta; WRB Publishing; USA of Colombian & PR descent; PSL, FL

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

FIRST PLACE Somos como las nubes / We Are Like The Clouds, Jorge Argueta; Greenwood Books; El Salvador; San Francisco

SECOND PLACE Waiting for the Biblioburro / Esperando el Biblioburro, Monica Brown; Illustrator: John Parra; Tricycle Books; Peruvian-American;

HONORABLE MENTION Mamá the Alien / Mamá la extraterrestre, René Colato Laínez; Lee & Low, Inc.: Children's Book Press; El Salvador; Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION Walk With Me, Jairo Buitrago; Greenwood Books; Mexico; San Francisco

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – English

FIRST PLACE The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet, Carmen Agra Deedy; Scholastic Books; USA; Atlanta

SECOND PLACE Little Captain Jack, Alicia Acosta & Mónica Carretero; nubeOCHO; España; Malaga. Segovia

HONORABLE MENTION How Will I Talk To Abuela, María de la Luz Reyes; ; USA/Mexica-American; San Diego CA

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE La siesta perfecta, Pato Mena; nubeOCHO; Chile; Barcelona

SECOND PLACE El mejor es mi papá, Georgina Lázaro de León; Illustrator: Marcela Calderón; Santillana USA Publishing Company; Cuba;

HONORABLE MENTION Cartas en el bosque, Susanna Isern; Illustrator: Daniel Montero; Cuento de Luz; Spain;

HONORABLE MENTION Cómo escapar de Halloween, Tere Dávila; Illustrations: Ada Montañez; ; Puerto Rico;

HONORABLE MENTION Ser como el bambú, Ismael Cala; HarperCollins Publishers; Cuba; Miami

Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book

FIRST PLACE Pablo Pineda, Alberto Bosch and María Sala; Illustrator: Silvia Álvarez; Cuento de Luz; Spain/Spanish;

SECOND PLACE Conoce a Bernardo de Gálvez, Guillermo Fesser; Illustrator: Alejandro Villén; Santillana USA Publishing Company; Spain; New York

SECOND PLACE Conoce a Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Edna Iturralde; Illustrator: María Jesús Álvarez; Santillana USA Publishing Company; Ecuador;

HONORABLE MENTION ¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z!, Lulu Delacre; Lee & Low, Inc.: Children's Book Press; Puerto Rico/Latina; Washington DC

HONORABLE MENTION Rubén Darío, Georgina Lázaro; Lectorum Publications, Inc.; Puerto Rico; Ponce

Best Educational Children's Picture Book

FIRST PLACE It Starts With a Raindrop / Comienza con una gota de lluvia, Michael Smith; East West Discovery Press; USA;

SECOND PLACE Estrellitas y Nopales / Little Stars and Cactus, José Chavez; Archway Publishing; USA/Latino; Riverside, Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION Veva y El Castor, Carlos F. Tarrac; Unique Artistic Creations Showcase; Mexico;

HONORABLE MENTION Where Love Begins, Helen Nieto Philips; Lectura Books; ;

Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book

FIRST PLACE I Matter / Yo importo, Georgette Baker; Cantemos; ARUBA, East Indian;

SECOND PLACE Margarito's Forest, Andy Carter; Hard Ball Press; United States/England; Chicago

SECOND PLACE Pum Pum hice daño a la luna, Luis Amavisca & Esther G. Madrid; nubeOCHO; España; Roma, Madrid

HONORABLE MENTION Arturo, el niño fantasma, Liana Fornier De Serres; ; Uruguay-Francia; Orlando FL

Best Youth Latino Focused Chapter Book

FIRST PLACE El caso de Los Reyes Magos, Alidis Vicente; Arte Publico Press; USA-Puerto Rico;

Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – English

FIRST PLACE Lion Island: Cuba's Warrior of Words, Margarita Engle; Simon & Schuster; Cuba; Clovis, CA

SECOND PLACE Return Fire, Christina Diaz Gonzalez; Scholastic Books; ; Miami

HONORABLE MENTION Allie, First at Last, Angela Cervantes; Scholastic Books; USA; Kansas City

HONORABLE MENTION Ghosts, Raina Telgemeir; Scholastic Books; USA; San Francisco

HONORABLE MENTION The Islands Where The Moon Is Born, Edna Iturralde; WPR Publishing; Ecuador; New York

HONORABLE MENTION The Only Road, Alexandra Diaz; Simon & Schuster; US/Cuba; Santa Fe, NM

Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Juana & Lucas, Juana Medina; Candlewick Press; Colombia;

SECOND PLACE Las aventuras de Perico Píco, Natalia Carbajosa; Raspabook Editorial; Spain;

Best Youth Chapter Nonfiction Book

FIRST PLACE The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition, Reyna Grande; Simon & Schuster; Mexico; Los Angeles CA

SECOND PLACE Ileana Ros-Lehtinen: Primera mujer hispana en el Congreso, Silvia Lopez, Designed by Verónica Cabrera; ; Cuban/ Cuban American; Miami Florida

Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book

FIRST PLACE Labyrinth Lost, Zoraida Córdova; Sourcebooks, Inc.; Ecuador;

SECOND PLACE I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Erika L. Sánchez; Alfred A. Knopf Publishing; Mexico;

SECOND PLACE Rise of the Jaguar Woman, Lee. E. Cart; Ek' Balam Press; USA/ American raised in Mexico;

HONORABLE MENTION The GO Between, Veronica Chambers; Delacorte Press; Afro-Latina Heritage;

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – English

FIRST PLACE The Memory of Light, Francisco X. Stork; Scholastic Books; USA; Boston/Florida

SECOND PLACE When the Moon Was Ours, Anna-Marie McLemore; Thomas Dunne Books; USA/Mexican; Sacramento CA

HONORABLE MENTION The Hunted, Matt de la Peña; Delacorte Press; ;

HONORABLE MENTION The Missing, Cynthia Pelayo; Post Mortem Press; Puerto Rico;

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE En el Reino de la Garúa, Emilio del Carril; País Invisible-editores; Puerto Rico;

SECOND PLACE El bosque iluminado, Edwin Fontáñez; Exit Studio Publishing Co.; Puerto Rico; Washington DC

Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book

FIRST PLACE I Got This, Laurie Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; US; NTC

Most Inspirational Young Adult Book

FIRST PLACE Lion Island: Cuba's Warrior of Words, Margarita Engle; Atheneum Books; US-Cuba;

SECOND PLACE Bajo el paraguas azul, Elena Martínez Blanco; Nowevolution Editorial; Spain;

HONORABLE MENTION Field Mice: Memoirs of a Migrant Child, Children's Edition, Emma González; ; US, Mexican Descent; McAllen, TX

Best Book Written by a Youth

FIRST PLACE I Got This, Laurie Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; US; NTC

B NONFICTION AWARDS

Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book

FIRST PLACE Mestizos Come Home!, Robert Con Davis-Undiano; University of Oklahoma Press; USA/ Mexican Ancestry; Oklahoma City

SECOND PLACE The Color of Duty, José Aguayo; Lightning Press; USA; Denver

SECOND PLACE The Journey Home, Jorge Posada; HarperCollins Publishers; Puerto Rico; New Orleans

HONORABLE MENTION House Built on Ashes, A Memoir, José Antonio Rodríguez; University of Oklahoma Press; ;

HONORABLE MENTION Traditional Weavers of Guatemala, Deborah Chandler and Teresa Córdón; Thrums Books; U.S/ Guatemala; Guatemala

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

FIRST PLACE The Journey Home, Jorge Posada; HarperCollins Publishers; Puerto Rico; New Orleans

SECOND PLACE I Got This, Laurie Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; US; NTC

HONORABLE MENTION Ensoulment: Exploring the Feminine Principle In Western Culture, Lorís Simón Salum; Chiron Publications; Mexico; Houston TX

HONORABLE MENTION Field Mice: Memoirs of a Migrant Child, Emma González; ; US, Mexican Descent; McAllen, TX

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Cartas a Karina, Oscar López Rivera; Cartas a Karina Project; Puerto Rico;

SECOND PLACE Manifiesta la conciencia divina en tu vida diaria, Sri Mrinalini Mata; Self-Realization Fellowship; USA;

HONORABLE MENTION La cicatriz de un milagro, Mónica González; Klepsidra Editores; Colombia/Spain;

Best Biography – English

FIRST PLACE Raul H. Yzaguirre: Seated at the Table of Power, Stella Pope Duarte; Latino Book Publisher; USA-Latino;

SECOND PLACE Breaking and Bleeding a Macho Man, Isabel Delia Gonzalez; WPR Publishing; ;

Best Biography – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Querido Alberto, Eduardo Magallanes; Atria Books; ;

SECOND PLACE Kerensky: Vida y obra de Douglas Botero Boshell, Juan Gustavo Cobo and Patricia Pinzón de Lewin; Villegas Editores; ;

HONORABLE MENTION Destellos, Suni Paz; ; Argentina/Catalana Italiana; Las Vegas NV

Best Autobiography

FIRST PLACE A House of Sticks, A Memoir, Belinda Vasquez Garcia; ; US Latino;

SECOND PLACE The Gift of Loss, Maria Aponte; ; Puerto Rico;

Best Autobiography By A Well Known Person

FIRST PLACE The Journey Home, Jorge Posada; HarperCollins Publishers; Puerto Rico; New Orleans

SECOND PLACE I Got This, Laurie Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; US; NTC

Best History Book

FIRST PLACE La vitrina rota o ¿qué carajo pasó aquí?, Silverio Perez; Ediciones Callejón; Puerto Rico ; San Juan

Best Political/Current Affairs Book

FIRST PLACE The Book of Isaias, Daniel Connolly; St. Martin's Press; USA/Caucasian;

SECOND PLACE La Nueva California: Latinos from Pioneers to Post-Millennials, David E. Hayes-Bautista; University of California Press; US;

Best Business Book

FIRST PLACE Chaos Monkeys, Antonio García Martínez; HarperCollins Publishers; USA; San Francisco

SECOND PLACE El manual del estilista, Irma Martinez; ; Colombia;

Best Arts Book

FIRST PLACE Colibríes en Colombia, Photographer: Murray Cooper; Villegas Editores; ;

SECOND PLACE Oaxaca Stories in Cloth, Eric Mindling; Thrums Books; Unites States; Oaxaca City

HONORABLE MENTION La nariz de Rembrandt, Michael Taylor; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Estados Unidos; Savignac Les Eglises, Francia

Best Gift Book

FIRST PLACE What My Grandmother Told Me, Maria Paz Eleizegui Weir; University of New Mexico Press; Manila/Filipino-Spanish;

Best Cookbook

FIRST PLACE The Enchilada Queen Cookbook, Sylvia Casares with Dotty Griffith; St. Martin's Press; USA/Mexican;

Best Reference Book

FIRST PLACE 108 preguntas: ABC de la voz, Maritza Salcedo; ; Venezuela;

Best Self-help Book

FIRST PLACE Live on Purpose, Nancy Arroyo Ruffin; Creative Ink Publishing, Inc.; USA/ Puerto Rican; NYC

SECOND PLACE Descubre tu camino al exito, Hilda. H. Gurdíán; La Noticia, INC; Venezuela;

SECOND PLACE Discover Your Path to Success, Hilda. H. Gurdíán; La Noticia, INC; Venezuela;

HONORABLE MENTION Ábrete a lo inesperado, Tosha Silver; Atria Books; ;

HONORABLE MENTION Sudden Death Beautiful Life, Jaime Alvarez; Beautiful Life Publishing; Mexico; San Bernardino CA

Best Parenting/Family Book

FIRST PLACE Arroz con pollo y apple pie, Maritere Rodríguez Bellas; ; ;

Best Women's Issues Book

FIRST PLACE Ensoulment: Exploring the Feminine Principle In Western Culture, Lorís Simón Salum; Chiron Publications; Mexico; Houston TX

Best Religious Book

FIRST PLACE ¡Triunfarán! El ministerio hispano del Ejército de Salvación, Frank Payton; The Salvation Army; United States;

SECOND PLACE Manifiesta la conciencia divina en tu vida diaria, Sri Mrinalini Mata; Self-Realization Fellowship; USA;

HONORABLE MENTION Experimentando la gracia, Joe Santana; Outskirts Press; USA-Mexican American; Dallas TX

HONORABLE MENTION ¡Triunfarán! The Hispanic Ministry of The Salvation Army, Frank Payton; The Salvation Army; United States;

Best Spiritual/New Age Book

FIRST PLACE La cicatriz de un milagro, Mónica González; Klepsidra Editores; Colombia/Spain;

SECOND PLACE Manifiesta la conciencia divina en tu vida diaria, Sri Mrinalini Mata; Self-Realization Fellowship; USA;

HONORABLE MENTION Walking the Red Road on Chicanismo, Ysidro R. Macias; ; US Chicano; Honolulu

Best Travel Book

FIRST PLACE Textile Fiestas of Mexico, Sheri Brautigam; Thrums Books; United States; Santa Fe, VM

SECOND PLACE Colombia otra mirada, Photographer: Felipe Luque; Villegas Editores; ;

Best Sports/Recreation Book

FIRST PLACE The Journey Home, Jorge Posada; HarperCollins Publishers; Puerto Rico; New Orleans

SECOND PLACE Rafa Nadal, Marta Barroso; Illustrator: Monica Carretero; Cuento de Luz; SpainSpanish;

Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author

FIRST PLACE Migrant Deaths in the Arizona Desert: La vida no vale nada, Edited by Raquel Rubio, Celestino Fernández, Jeesie Finch, Aarceli Masterson; University of Arizona Press; USA;

SECOND PLACE The Magic Key: The Educational Journey of Mexican-Americans from K-12 to College and Beyond, Ruth E. Zambrana and Sylvia Hurtado; University of Texas Press; US/Puerto Rico;

HONORABLE MENTION The Forked Juniper: Critical Perspectives on Rudolfo Anaya, Edited by Roberto Cantú; University of Oklahoma Press; ;

C FICTION AWARDS

Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – English

FIRST PLACE Lucía Zárate, Cecilia Velástegui; Libros Publishing; Ecuador; Los Angeles

SECOND PLACE A Decent Woman, Eleanor Parker Sapia; Scarlet River Press; Puerto Rico; Washington DC

SECOND PLACE Hola and Goodbye: Una Familia in Stories, Donna Miscolta; Carolina Wren Press; USA/Mexico;

HONORABLE MENTION Almond Tequila, Annie Mary Perez; Floricanto Press; US/Mexican; San Diego

HONORABLE MENTION An Innocent Fashion, R.J. Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; Miami Cuban Ancestry; New York,

HONORABLE MENTION The Mortifications, Derek Palacio; Tim Duggan Books; American/Cuban;

HONORABLE MENTION The Veins of the Ocean, Patricia Engel; Grove/Atlantic, Inc.; USA; Miami

Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Las lunas de Atacama, Andrea Amosson; Ediciones del Desierto Ltda.; Chile;

SECOND PLACE De cero a zero, cuento, Edel Romay; Palibrio; México, Veracruz, Latino;

HONORABLE MENTION Voces de América Latina, Maria Farazdel; Medialsla; Rep. Dominicana; New York

Most Inspirational Fiction Book – English

FIRST PLACE The Loss of All Lost Things, Amina Lolita Gautier; Elixir Press; US/Puerto Rican; Chicago and Miami

SECOND PLACE Lucia Zárate, Cecilia Velástegui; Libros Publishing; Ecuador; Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION Hugging Mountains: A Transcendent Journey into the Self, Rosie Ochoa; ; Mexican-American; Sacramento

HONORABLE MENTION The Good, The Bad, and The Chili, Philip Victor; Aerosol Press; USA/Puerto Rico; Los Angeles

Most Inspirational Fiction Book – Spanish

FIRST PLACE No dejes nunca de ser feliz, Irene Calvo Crespo; Edizioni Libreria Croce; Spain;

SECOND PLACE La vida es una piñata, Ismael Cala; HarperCollins Publishers; Cuba; Miami

HONORABLE MENTION Jaulas, Joumana Haddad; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Líbano;

HONORABLE MENTION La voz de los susurros, Angelina Peraza; Art and Literature Mapale & Publishing Inc; Venezuela; Toronto, Canada

Best Popular Fiction – English

FIRST PLACE The Female Warrior's Son, SL Allen; Outsiders Publishing; USA;

SECOND PLACE The Sorrows of Young Alfonso, Rudolfo Anaya; University of Oklahoma Press; ;

HONORABLE MENTION Uptown Thief, Aya de León; Kensington Publishing Corp.; USA/Puerto Rican;

Best Popular Fiction – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Martes de infamia y otros días fatales, Alfredo M. Del Arroyo; Pukiyari Editores; Perú/Inca/Spaniard/Italian;

SECOND PLACE Los cuentos de Pimpo, Miguel Angel Zayas; Editorial Zayas; Puerto Rico;

HONORABLE MENTION En el Reino de la Garúa, Emilio del Carril; País Invisible-editores; Puerto Rico;

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English

FIRST PLACE The Invisible Guardian, Dolores Redondo; Atria Books; Spain; Spain

SECOND PLACE Lucia Zárate, Cecilia Velástegui; Libros Publishing; Ecuador; Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION All That Glitters: A Tale of Sex, Drugs and Hollywood Dreams, Liza Treviño; Köehler Books; USA/Latina; Dallas TX

HONORABLE MENTION The Mexican Flyboy, Alfredo Véa; University of Oklahoma Press; ; San Francisco

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Un espejo en la selva, Silverio Perez; Grupo Editorial Planeta México; Puerto Rico ; San Juan

SECOND PLACE La víspera del grito, Helena Sampedro; Divinas Letras; New York/Puerto Rico;

SECOND PLACE La voz de los susurros, Angelina Peraza; Art and Literature Mapale & Publishing Inc; Venezuela; Toronto, Canada

HONORABLE MENTION Aristophanes / Aristófanos, Jerry Gomez Shor; ; Perú; Torrance

HONORABLE MENTION En el Reino de la Garúa, Emilio del Carril; País Invisible-editores; Puerto Rico;

HONORABLE MENTION Journal of an Immigrant / Diario de un inmigrante, Jerry Gomez Shor; ; Perú; Torrance

HONORABLE MENTION La Habana en mi balcón, Willema Wong; Pukiyari Editores; CUBA;

HONORABLE MENTION Los 50 de lanza, Eduardo Labarca; Editorial Catalonia; Chile; Santiago

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English

FIRST PLACE What We Become, Arturo Pérez-Reverte; Atria Books; ;

SECOND PLACE Lucia Zárate, Cecilia Velástegui; Libros Publishing; Ecuador; Los Angeles

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish

FIRST PLACE Un espejo en la selva, Silverio Perez; Grupo Editorial Planeta México; Puerto Rico ; San Juan

SECOND PLACE La casa de los secretos, María de Lourdes Victoria; Grupo Planeta; México; Ciudad de Mexico

HONORABLE MENTION Los motivos de la memoria, Sergio Inestrosa; Almava Editores; El Salvador; Boston

Best Novel - Mystery – English

FIRST PLACE The Dead of Summer, Enrique J. Castillo; Latin Heat Media; USA-Mexican; Los Angeles

SECOND PLACE The Missing, Cynthia Pelayo; Post Mortem Press; Puerto Rico;

HONORABLE MENTION Jeweler's Mark, R. V. Reyes; ; USA/Cuban; Miami

HONORABLE MENTION The Female Warrior's Son, SL Allen; ; USA;

Best Novel - Mystery – Spanish

FIRST PLACE El sonido de la ausencia, Jesús A. Zambrana; ; Puerto Rico;

SECOND PLACE Lo que esconden mis sombras, Juan David Hernández Upegui; Ediciones Alféizar; Colombia; Miami FL

Best Novel - Fantasy/Sci-Fi

FIRST PLACE Mardröm: El guardian del infierno, Gael Solano; ; España; San Juan Puerto Rico

SECOND PLACE El lago de los milagros, Paola B. Sur; Halo Publishing International; Colombia;

HONORABLE MENTION Velvet Door Society, Shanaya Fastje; TWB Press; Mesico/Born in USA;

Best Novel - Romance

FIRST PLACE Martiria Lucía desborda vendavales, Ydalia Molina; País Invisible-editores; Venezuela;

SECOND PLACE Ay to Zi, Rocky Barilla; Rosquete Press; USA-Mexican;

Best Graphic Novel

FIRST PLACE Lowriders to the Center of the Earth, Cathy Camper; Illustrator: Raul the Third; Chronicle Books; USA;

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Bilingual

FIRST PLACE It Starts With a Raindrop / Comienza con una gota de lluvia, Michael Smith; East West Discovery Press; USA;

SECOND PLACE Estrellitas y nopales / Little Stars and Cactus, José Chavez; Archway Publishing; USA/Latino; Riverside, Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION Flocks / Rebaños, Zurelys López-Amaya; Transaltor: Jeffery C, Barnett; Cubanabooks Press; Cuba;

HONORABLE MENTION The Visits & Other Poems, Mirta Yáñez; Cubanabooks Press; Cuba;

Best Poetry Book - One Author – English

FIRST PLACE Vivas to Those Who Have Failed, Martín Espada; W.W. Norton & Co; US/ Puerto Rican; Boston NY

SECOND PLACE A Jury of Trees, Andrés Montoya, Edited by Daniel Chacón; Bilingual Press/ Editorial Bilingüe; USA/Chicano; EL Paso TX

HONORABLE MENTION Blood Sugar Canto, Iréne Lara Silva; Saddle Road Press; USA/Chicana;

HONORABLE MENTION Fourth Quarter: Reflections of a Cranky Old Man, Carlos E. Cortés; Bad Knee Press; USA/ancestry:Mexico and Europe; Los Angeles

HONORABLE MENTION Poems of My Night, Cynthia Pelayo; Raw Dog Screaming Press; Puerto Rico;

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Spanish

FIRST PLACE El amor de tu nombre, Alberto Avendaño; The ñ Group; Spain; Washington DC

SECOND PLACE Sobresalto al vacío, María Elena Blanco; Mago Editores; Cuba;

HONORABLE MENTION Tinta negra, Xánath Caraza; Pandora Lobo Estepario Productions Press; Mexico/indigenous;

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

FIRST PLACE Poetry of Resistance, Edited by Francisco X. Alarcón and Odilia Galván Rodriguez; University of Arizona Press; Francisco: USA/Chicano Galván: USA/Chicano;

SECOND PLACE Sombra roja: Diecisiete poetas mexicanas, Seleccion de Rodrigo Castillo; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Mexico; Ciudad de Mexico

HONORABLE MENTION Corazón y una lengua peregrina, Latino Writers Collective: Gabriela Gutiérrez and Muhs. Phd.; 39 West Press; España/Mexico/Colombia; Kansas City

HONORABLE MENTION Vanishing Points: Poems & Photographs of Texas Roadside Memorials, Sarah Cortez; Texas Review Press; USA/Spanish/Mexican American;

Best Fiction - Multi-Author

FIRST PLACE Oy, Caramba! An Anthology of Jewish from Latin America, Edited by Ilan Stavans; University of New Mexico Press; Mexico/Mexican-American;

SECOND PLACE Diáspora: Narrativa breve en español de Estados Unidos, Various Authors: Gerardo Cárdenas; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Estados Unidos; Illinois

HONORABLE MENTION Entre libros, Milagros González, Kathryn Kelly, Nery Santos, Nancy Debs, Lissette Jiménez, Antonio Ramos, Natalia Galindo, Ricardo Martí, Luis Polanco, Saile Pagán, Marcial Torres y Yolanda López; País Invisible-editores; Puerto Rico;

D EBOOKS & AUDIO AWARDS

Best Children's Picture eBook

FIRST PLACE Zunzuncito: Un cuento del pájaro abeja cubano, Silvia Lopez, Designed by Verónica Cabrera; ; Cuban/ Cuban American; Miami Florida

SECOND PLACE Dlee's Snow Day, Diana Lee Santamaria; Dlee's World, LLC; US; New York, NY

HONORABLE MENTION It's Too Windy, Patty York Raymond; Mascot Books; USA-Mexican-American; McAllen TX

Best Young Adult eBook

FIRST PLACE I Got This, Laurie Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; US; NTC

Best Children's Audio Book

FIRST PLACE El cóndor pasa sobre el norte, Camila Reimers; Music composition & playing: Marcelo Puente; Qantati Junior; Chile;

Best Nonfiction Audio Book

FIRST PLACE I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help!, Xavier Amador; Vida Press; Cuba/Cuban; New York City

E PORTUGUESE AWARDS

Best Children's Picture Book in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)

FIRST PLACE O vento de Oalab, Joao Luiz Guimaraes; Edicoes SM; Brazil; Sao Paulo

SECOND PLACE A Onça-Pintada No Cerrado, Pedro Ivo Peres de Santana; CIR Gráfica e Editora LTDA; Brasil; Brasilia

SECOND PLACE O Tucano No Cerrado, Pedro Ivo Peres de Santana; CIR Gráfica e Editora LTDA; Brasil; Brasilia

Best Children's Picture Book in Portuguese (Originally in another language)

FIRST PLACE O Mundo de AL e Pá, Camila Reimers, Translated by Pablo Reimers; Qantati Junior; Chile;

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese (Originally in another language)

FIRST PLACE O Grande Assaltante, Alice Dias; Chiado Editora; Brazil;

Best Book – Nonfiction in Portuguese (Originally in another language)

FIRST PLACE A Segunda Vinda de Cristo: A ressurreicao do Cristo interior Vol. II, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; USA;

Best Book – Fiction in Portuguese (Originally in another language)

FIRST PLACE Beleza Estranha, Tércio Ribas Torres; Chiado Editora; Brasil; Brasilia

SECOND PLACE O Grande Assaltante, Alice Dias; Chiado Editora; Brazil;

F DESIGN AWARDS

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HONORABLE MENTION Cantos del alma y el corazón, Poesía Original, Dr. María Alma González Pérez, Designed by Teresa Estrada; Del Alma Publications, LLC; USA/Mexican;

Best Use of Illustrations Inside the Book

FIRST PLACE Biblias, Juan David Giraldo, Photographer: Andrés Mauricio López; Villegas Editores; ;

SECOND PLACE Joelito's Big Decision / La gran decisión de Joelito, Ann Berlak, Designed by Daniel Camacho; Hard Ball Press; United States/Iberian/Spanish; Oakland CA

G TRANSLATION AWARDS

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English

FIRST PLACE Avian Kingdom Feathered Tales: Reeks of Roses, Karen Chacek; TechStudios, LLC; Mexico City;

SECOND PLACE Luisita Rides Her Bike, Dora Przybylek; Laredo Publishing Company; Peru; New York City

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish

FIRST PLACE La leyenda de Roberto Cofresí, Janet Balletta, Translated by Ana Morris; WRB Publishing; USA of Colombian & PR descent; Miami

SECOND PLACE La larga travesía de Endeavour, John D. Olivas; East West Discovery Press; USA; Los Angeles

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - Spanish to English

FIRST PLACE The Islands Where the Moon is Born, Edna Iturralde; WPR Publishing; Ecuador; New York

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - English to Spanish

FIRST PLACE Tesoros de mi isla, Alma Flor Ada; Santillana USA Publishing Company; Cuba;

HONORABLE MENTION El único destino, Alexandra Diaz; Simon & Schuster; US/Cuba; Santa Fe, NM

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

FIRST PLACE The Visits & Other Poems, Mirta Yáñez, Translated by Elizabeth Gamble Miller; Cubanabooks Press; Cuba;

SECOND PLACE The German Girl, Armando Lucas Correa, Translated by Nick Caistor; Atria Books; ;

HONORABLE MENTION Multiple Choice, Alejandro Zambra, Translated by Megan McDowell; Penguin Books; Republic of Chile;

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

FIRST PLACE Dos santos, Fernando de Aragón; Lepican Publishing; Puerto Rico; Ithaca, NY

SECOND PLACE Poesía, Elizabeth Bishop; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Estados Unidos;

H THE MARIPOSA AWARDS

Best First Book - Children & Youth

FIRST PLACE Juana & Lucas, Juana Medina; Candlewick Press; Colombia;

SECOND PLACE El lago de los milagros, Paola B. Sur; Halo Publishing International; Colombia;

HONORABLE MENTION Estrellitas y nopales / Little Stars and Cactus, José Chavez; Archway Publishing; USA/Latino; Riverside, Los Angeles

Best First Book - Nonfiction

FIRST PLACE Entre bambalinas, Marcelo Donato; Lugar Común Editorial; Argentina;

SECOND PLACE Experimentando la gracia, Joe Santana; Outskirts Press; USA-Mexican American; Dallas TX

Best First Book - Fiction – English

FIRST PLACE Uptown Thief, Aya de León; Kensington Publishing Corp.; USA/Puerto Rican;

SECOND PLACE All That Glitters: A Tale of Sex, Drugs and Hollywood Dreams, Liza Treviño; Köehler Books; USA/Latina; Dallas TX

HONORABLE MENTION An Innocent Fashion, R.J. Hernandez; HarperCollins Publishers; Miami Cuban Ancestry; New York,

Best First Book - Fiction – Spanish

FIRST PLACE La niña alemana, Armando Lucas Correa; Atria Books; Cuba; New York

SECOND PLACE La Habana en mi balcón, Willema Wong; Pukiyari Editores; CUBA;

HONORABLE MENTION La voz de los susurros, Angelina Peraza; Art and Literature Mapale & Publishing Inc; Venezuela; Toronto, Canada

HONORABLE MENTION Los norteados, Álvaro Ramírez; Ediciones Alféizar; Mexico;

HONORABLE MENTION Martiría Lucía desborda vendavales, Ydalia Molina; País Invisible-editores; Venezuela;

I THEMED AWARDS

Best Union Themed Book

FIRST PLACE César Chávez y La Unión , Víctor Fuentes; Floricanto Press; Spain; Los Angeles

Best Latina Themed Book

FIRST PLACE The 16 Rule / La regla de 16, Evelyn Gonzalez; Archway Publishing; United States; Riverside

Best Educational Themed Book

FIRST PLACE Ileana Ros-Lehtinen: Primera mujer hispana en el Congreso, Silvia Lopez, Designed by Verónica Cabrera; ; Cuban/ Cuban American; Miami Florida

Best Academic Themed Book

FIRST PLACE The Magic Key: The Educational Journey of Mexican-Americans from K-12 to College and Beyond, Ruth E. Zambrana and Sylvia Hurtado; University of Texas Press; US/Puerto Rico;