

# Oklahoma Book Awards

# 2023




# Call for Entries

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As an affiliate of the Library of Congress, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries operates the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

The Center's **mission** is to:

-  promote Oklahoma authors
-  celebrate the state's literary heritage
-  encourage reading for pleasure by Oklahomans

To accomplish this mission, the Oklahoma Center for the Book

-  sponsors the annual Oklahoma Book Awards
-  arranges author visits to Oklahoma communities
-  supports statewide literary conferences and events
-  participates in special reading and literacy projects for young people

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# Thirty-Fourth Annual Oklahoma Book Awards

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## 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, 2022, and December 31, 2022.
- 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.

## Judges

A panel of judges will consider all entries. Judges will grant awards at their discretion. Judges represent a variety of backgrounds including writers, educators, librarians, graphic artists, and readers. 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.

## Deadlines

- Entries must be received by January 6, 2023.
- Finalists will be notified in March 2023.
- Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony April 22, 2023.

## 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.

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The Oklahoma Book Awards is presented by the Oklahoma Center for the Book in the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in partnership with the Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

## 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 contact Connie Armstrong at [connie.armstrong@libraries.ok.gov](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Publisher's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher's Telephone, Fax, & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_