

## SHANTI ARTS PUBLISHING—LIST OF AWARDS WORTH CONSIDERATION

There are, of course, many different types of book awards. Some are very prestigious and highly competitive. Some exist primarily so someone can make money from the entry fees. It's worth doing a little research before submitting materials for awards. Some links to articles about book awards may be found on our [Information for Authors page](#).

### BOOK AWARDS

<b>Andrew Carnegie Medal</b>	Recognizes excellence in fiction and nonfiction.		
<b>Anisfield-Wolf Book Award</b>	Dedicated to honoring written works that make important contributions to the understanding of racism and the appreciation of the rich diversity of human culture		
<b>Believer Book Award</b>	The editors of <i>The Believer</i> recognize works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry that are the best written and most underappreciated.		
<b>Best Book Awards</b>	Honors books in a huge number of categories.	Elizabeth Jaikaran was a Finalist in the Women's Issues category in 2018.	<i>Trauma</i>
		Amelia Williams was a Finalist in the Poetry:Nature category in 2025.	<i>Species of Concern</i>
<b>Black Caucus of the American Library Association</b>	Given annually for a poetry collection, a first novel, a book of fiction, and a book of nonfiction (including creative nonfiction) by an African American writer published in the United States in the previous year. The awards honor books that depict the "cultural, historical, and sociopolitical aspects of the Black Diaspora."		
<b>BookLife Prize</b>	Seeks to support independent authors and discover great written works in 9 categories. Sponsored by <i>Publisher's Weekly</i> .		
<b>The Chautauqua Prize</b>	Celebrates a book of fiction or literary/narrative nonfiction that provides a richly rewarding reading experience and honors the author for a significant contribution to the literary arts.		
<b>Dayton Literary Peace Prize</b>	Recognizes adult fiction and non-fiction books published at some point within the immediate past year that have led readers to a better understanding of other peoples, cultures, religions, and political views.		
<b>Devil's Kitchen Reading Awards</b>	Honors poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Offered by the Department of English at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.		
<b>Eric Hoffer Book Award</b>	Honors the memory of the great American philosopher Eric Hoffer by highlighting salient writing, as well as the independent spirit of small publishers.		
<b>Independent Press Award</b>	Recognizes books in a wide range of categories.	Lee Woodman was recognized in 2023 in the category of Poetry as a Distinguished Favorite.	<i>Artscapes</i>
<b>Indies Choice Book Award</b>	Recognizes books in several categories.		
<b>Firecracker Award</b>	Sponsored by the Community of Literary Magazines and Presses; awards for fiction, creative non-fiction, and poetry.		
<b>J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize</b>	Recognizes excellence in nonfiction that exemplifies the literary grace and commitment to serious research and social concern that characterized the work of the awards' Pulitzer Prize-winning		
<b>John Burroughs Medal</b>	Recognizes the author of a book that the association has judged to be distinguished in the field of natural history.		
<b>National Book Award</b>	Celebrates the best literature in America.		
<b>National Book Critics Circle Awards</b>	Honors outstanding writing.		
<b>National Outdoor Book Award</b>	Offers awards in ten categories honoring the best in outdoor writing.		
<b>Nautilus Book Awards</b>	Seeks to recognize books in multiple categories that "make a difference and inspire."	David Zurick received a Silver Medal in the Lyrical Prose category in 2017.	<i>Morning Coffee at the Goldfish Pond</i>
		Scott Edward Anderson received a Silver Medal in the Lyrical Prose and Hybrid Works category in 2019.	<i>Dwelling: an ecopoem</i>
<b>PEN AMERICA Literary Awards</b>	PEN AMERICA stands at the intersection of literature and human rights to protect free expression in the United States and worldwide. They honor writers in several categories.		
<b>Royal Dragonfly Book Awards</b>	Honors excellence in literature in 68 categories.	Elizabeth Jaikaran received an Honorable Mention in the Women's Interests category in 2018.	<i>Trauma</i>

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		Nancy Gerber received 2nd Place in the Relationship Category in 2019.	<i>The Dancing Clock: Reflections on Family, Love, and</i>
		Sheree Nielsen received 1st Place in the Fine Art/Photography Category, 1st Place in the Poetry Category, and Honorable Mention in the Coffee Table/Gift Category in 2019.	<i>Mondays in October</i>

**REGIONAL BOOK AWARDS**

*This is a short list of probably hundreds of these types of awards. Many states and regions offer awards for their residents. Please let us know about others we should add to this list.*

<b>Colorado Book Awards</b>	Recognizes Colorado authors.		
<b>Athenaeum Literary Award</b>	It is award to authors who are "bona fide residents of Philadelphia or Pennsylvania living within a radius of 30 miles of City Hall". [6] Eligible works are of general fiction or non-fiction		
<b>Massachusetts Book Award</b>	Recognizes significant works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's/young adult literature published by Commonwealth residents or about Massachusetts subjects.		
<b>Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award</b>	Recognizes excellence in writing from the American Pacific Northwest.		
<b>Southwest Book Awards</b>	Recognizes books about the Southwest.		

**AWARDS SPECIFIC TO POETRY**

<b>Bollingen Prize for Poetry</b>	Honors an American poet every two years in recognition of the best volume of poetry produced in those in those years. Sponsored by Yale University.		
<b>James Laughlin Award</b>	Given in recognition of a poet's second published book. Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets.		
<b>Kingsley &amp; Kate Tufts Poetry Awards</b>	Honors poets and are intended "to give a poet a little breathing room and a little recognition." Sponsored by Claremont Graduate University.		
<b>Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize</b>	Honors the best volume of poetry written by a living U.S. citizen and published in the previous year in the United States. Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets.		
<b>Poetry Society of America</b>	The Poetry Society of America offers several different awards. Details may be found on their website.		
<b>Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry</b>	Honors the most distinguished book of poetry written by an American and published during the preceding two years.		