The 20th International Latino Book Awards: Two Decades of Recognizing Greatness in Books By & For Latinos

By Kirk Whisler

The Int’l Latino Book Awards is a major reflection that the fastest growing group in the USA has truly arrived. The Awards are now by far the largest Latino cultural Awards in the USA and with the 232 finalists this year in 93 categories, it has honored the greatness of 2,636 authors and publishers over the past two decades. The size of the Awards is proof that books by and about Latinos are in high demand. In 2018 Latinos will purchase over $725 million in books in English and Spanish.

The 2018 Finalists for the 20th Annual 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 205 judges in 2018. The judges glowed more than ever about how hard the choices were. Their comments included: “Excellent! The author involves readers in this journey.” “I loved the book. It’s a story with impact.” “Beautifully illustrated and loved that it was bilingual.” “Fascinating story” “Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a judge. Each year I continue to be inspired by the authors and the work they share with us all.”

Judges included librarians, educators, media professionals, leaders of national organizations, Pulitzer Prize Winners, and even elected officials. The Awards celebrates books in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Finalists are from across the USA and Puerto Rico, as well as from 20 countries outside the USA.

The Awards are produced by Latino Literacy Now, a nonprofit organization co-founded in 1997 by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler. Other Latino Literacy Now programs include the upcoming Latino Book & Family Festival at MiraCosta College in Oceanside will be our 65th. The Int’l Society of Latino Authors now has 120+ hundred members. Education Begins in the Home has impacted literacy for 60,000+ people. Changing the Face of Education is producing a comprehensive study of the need for more diversity within the education field. The Award Winning Author Tour has 10+ events in the coming year. Latino Literacy Now’s programs have now touched well over a million people. Over 350 volunteers will donate 14,000+ hours of service this year.

The Awards Ceremony will be held September 8, 2018 in Los Angeles at the Dominguez Ballroom at California State University Dominguez Hills. Major sponsors have included AALCES, the American Library Association, Atria Publishing, Book Expo America, the California State University System, California State University Dominguez Hills, California State University San Bernardino, Entravision, Las Comadres de las Americas, Libros Publishing, the Los Angeles Community College District, MAOF, REFORMA, Scholastic Books, and Visa.

Here’s a complete list of the finalists:

A  Children, Youth, & Young Adult Book Awards

Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book – English

Long and Almost Magical, Adalucía; Cholita Prints and Publishing Company; Lima, Perú (Ancestry: Spanish/Cuban); Albuquerque, NM
Miguel and the Amazing Alebrijes, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford & Aarón Rivera-Ashford; Random House Children’s Books; United States; Tucson, AZ
Yo Soy Muslim: A Father’s Letter to His Daughter, Mark Gonzales; Salaam Reads / Atheneum Books for Young Readers; USA; Oakland

Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book – Spanish

Al bate, Jill Barlett; Illustrated by Jelena Brezovec; Snowflake Stories, LLC; JILL-USA / Jelena-Croatia; Hartford, CT
At bat / Al bate, Jill Barlett; Illustrated by Jelena Brezovec; Snowflake Stories, LLC; JILL-USA / Jelena-Croatia; Hartford, CT
Little Skeletons / Esqueletitos, Susie Jaramillo; Encantos Media Studios, PBC; Venezuela/USA; New York City

Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

Arturo and The Bienvenido Feast, Ann Broyles; Designed by KE Lewis; Pelican Publishing Company; ; Portland, OR
At bat / Al bate, Jill Barlett; Illustrated by Jelena Brezovec; Snowflake Stories, LLC; JILL-USA / Jelena-Croatia; Hartford, CT
Little Chancas, José Lozano; Cinco Puntos Press; USA/Mexican/Spanish; Los Angeles

Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – English

All Around Us, Xelena González; Cinco Puntos Press; US/Mextizo; San Antonio TX
Jorge and the Lost Cookie Jar, Marta Arroyo; Dayton Publishing; Mexico; San Diego
Miguel and the Amazing Alebrijes, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford & Aarón Rivera-Ashford; Random House Children’s Books; United States; Tucson, AZ
Mister Yes, Carmen Gil; Illustrated by Miguel Cerro; Cuento de Luz; Spain; Sevilla/Madrid

Please Note: All Finalists listed will receive either a First Place, Second Place or Honorable Mention when the Awards are presented. The listing of Finalist is alphabetical, not a reflection on the order of the final awards that will be given. In those cases where only one finalist is listed in a particular category, that finalist does not necessarily receive a First Place award. Awards in all categories is determined by the total of all the judges’ scores and some categories may not have a First Place winner. After the Publisher of the book is listed we cite the Country of Origin for the author(s) and the DMA or DMAs they currently live in.

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**Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Spanish**

Coco: Miguel and the Grand Harmony, Matt de la Peña; Disney Publishing Worldwide; Unites States; Brooklyn

Margarito, Carmen Gil; Illustrated by Silvia Alvarez; Cuento de Luz; Spain; Sevilla

Ni guau ni miau, Blanca Lacasa, Illustrated by Gómez; nubeOCHO; España; Madrid

**Best Children’s Nonfiction Picture Book**

Miguel’s Brave Knight, Margarita Engle; Peachtree Publishers; Cuban/American; Fresno, CA

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library, Carole Boston Weatherford; Illustrated by Eric Velasquez; Candlewick Press; Carole: African American, Eric: Afro-Puerto Rican, Both born in USA; Charlotte, NC

Telegrams to Heaven: The Childhood of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, René Colato Lainez; Luna’s Press Books; El Salvador; Los Angeles

The Flying Girl: How Aida de Acosta Learned to Soar, Margarita Engle; Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers; USA; Oakland

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – Bilingual**

Little Elephants / Elefantitos, Susie Jaramillo; Encantos Media Studios, PBC; Venezuela/USA; New York City

Outside todo el día!, Madeleine Budnick; Trinity University Press; USA; Portland, Oregon

Vamos, Body!, Madeleine Budnick; Trinity University Press; USA; Portland, Oregon

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – English**

Bravo!, Margarita Engle; Illustrator: Rafael López; Macmillan Publishers; US/Cuba; Fresno

The ABCs to Ranching, Patty York Raymond; Mascot Books; USA/Mexican; San Antonio

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish**

¡Achú, achú, Pirulo!, Pamy Rojas; Cuentos Verdes; Puerto Rico; San Juan

Ayobami y el nombre de los animales, Pilar López Avila; Illustrated by Mar Azabal; Cuento de Luz; Spain; Madrid

Los pajaritos, Yolanda Borrás; Yolanda Borras; Dominican Republic; Chicago

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – Bilingual**

Greña / Crazy Hair, Kianny N. Antigua & Vanessa Balleza; Kianny N. Antigua; Republica Dominicana; Boston NYC

Luisita is Sick / Luisita está enferma, Dora Przybylek; Illustrated by Gastón Hauviller; Laredo Publishing; Perú/Chinese ancestry; New York City

Telegrams to Heaven: The Childhood of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, René Colato Lainez; Luna’s Press Books; El Salvador; Los Angeles

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – English**

All the way to Havana, Margarita Engle; Illustrator: Mike Curato; Macmillan Publishers; US/Cuba; Fresno

Miguel and the Amazing Alebrijes, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford & Aarón Rivera-Ashford; Random House Children’s Books; United States; Tucson, AZ

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish**

Al bate, Jill Barletti; Illustrated by Jelena Brezovec; Snowflake Stories, LLC; Jill-USA / Jelena-Croatia; Hartford, CT

La música del mar, Susanna Isern; Illustrated by Marta Chicote; Cuento de Luz; Spain; Santander

Una sorpresa para tortuga, Paula Merlán & Sonja Wimmer; nubeOCHO; 

**Best Youth Latino Focused Chapter Book**

Princess Inkala and the Last Inka Dynasty, Judith G. Leifer; Laredo Publishing Company; Perú; New York City

**Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book**

Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring, Angela Cervantes; Scholastic Press; México; Kansas City

My Brigadista Year, Katherine Paterson; Candlewick Press; Cancasian; Burlington, UT

Ugly Cat & Pablo, Isabel Quintero; Scholastic Press; Mexican/American; Ontario, Canada

**Best Youth Chapter Nonfiction Book**

Jabber Walking, Juan Felipe Herrera; Candlewick Press; Born in US/Mexican; San Jose, CA

**Best Educational Youth Chapter Book**

Liebres y Ratas, Aves y Semillas, Cactos y Arboles, Paul Dayton; Dayton Publishing; USA; San Diego

One Minute Mysteries: More Short Mysteries You Solve with Science! - ¡Más misterios cortos que resuelves con Ciencias!, Eric Yoder & Natalie Yoder; Science Naturally; USA; Washington, DC

**Most Inspirational Youth Chapter Book**

Forest World, Margarita Engle; Atheneum; US/Cuba; Fresno

**Best Young Adult Fiction Book – English**

Disappeared, Francisco X. Stork; Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic; USA/México; Boston

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Good Girls Don’t Lie, Alexandra Diaz; Leap Books; Puerto Rico/Cuban; Santa Fe, NM
Shadowhouse Fall, Daniel José Older; Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic; Cuban/American; New Orleans

**Best Young Adult Fiction Book – Spanish**
Las aguas del Kalahari, Rita Wirkala; All Bilingual Press; Argentina; Seattle
Paloma aventurera, Ani Palacios; Pukiyari Editores; Peru; Columbus, Ohio

**Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book**
Mensajeros de los Dioses, José E. Muratti Toro; Arte de portada e interior por Eliana Falcón Dvorsky; Editorial 360˚; Puerto Rico; San Juan

**Best Educational Young Adult Book**
La furia de Juracán, José E. Muratti-Toro; Diseñado por Jadyrah Vega Serrano; Editorial 360˚; Puerto Rico; San Juan, PR
One Minute Mysteries: Short Mysteries You Solve with Math! - ¡misterios cortos que resuelves con Matemáticas!, Eric Yoder & Natalie Yoder; Science Naturally!; USA; Washington, DC
Sonia Sotomayor: A Biography, Sylvia Mendez; Zest Books; ;

**Most Inspirational Young Adult Book**
¡Ven a la vida! Tu guía para el autodescubrimiento, Thomas W. Iland & Emily D. Iland; Porterville Press; USA/Irish American; Los Angeles
Victoria es mi nombre, And every day I think I’m going to die, Eliana Habalian; MEL Projects; Venezuela; Miami

**B NONFICTION AWARDS**

**Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book**
Knockout: Fidel Castro Visits The South Bronx, Julio Pabón; Julio Pabón; Puerto Rico; South Bronx, NY
Latino Civil Rights in Education: La lucha sigue, Edited by Anaida Colón-Muñiz & Magaly Lavandenz; Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group; Puerto Rico/USA/Cuba;
Latinx Superheroes in Mainstream Comics, Frederick Luis Aldama; University of Arizona Press; México; Columbus, OH
Mexamérica: Una cultura naciendo..., Fey Berman; Ediciones Proceso; Mexico; New York

**Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English**
I Had to Survive, Dr. Roberto Canessa & Pablo Vierci; Atria Books; Uruguay;
Today’s Inspired Latina Volume II, Jacqueline Camacho-Ruiz; Fig Factor Media LLC; Chicago/Mexican; Chicago, IL

**Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish**
Dios Habla con Arjuna: El Bhagavad Guita Vol II, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; India/indian;
Noche Búlgara, María Perry; ArtSpoken Editions; Nicaragua; Miami

**Best Biography**
Albert A. Peña Jr.: Dean of Chicano Politics, José Angel Guitérrez; Michigan State University Press; USA/Mexican Ancestry; Arlington, Texas
Captain Maximiliano Luna: A New Mexico Rough Rider, Richard Melzer; Rio Grande Books; USA/ Caucasian; Alburquerque
My Sister, My Daughter, and Me / Tres señoritas locas, Shirley Rose Webb; Inkwater Press; San Jose/Costa Rica/Hispanic; Los Angeles

**Best Autobiography**
Saving Me, Elva Alicia Leon; Elva Alicia Leon; USA, Mexican(Latina); Los Angeles
The Line Becomes a River, Francisco Cantú; Riverhead Books; USA/Part Mexican; Tucson AZ
Volver: A Persistence of Memory, Antonio C. Márquez; University of New Mexico Press; ;

**Best Autobiography By A Well Known Person**
In the Country We Love, Diane Guerrero with Michelle Burford; St. Martin’s Press; ; New York City

**Best History Book – English**
La Neighbor: A Settlement House in Logan Heights, Maria E. García; San Diego Printers; USA/Mexican American; San Diego
¡Murales Rebeldes! L.A. Chicania/Chicano Murals Under Siege, Erin M. Curtis, Jessica Hough, Guisela Latorre; California Historical Society, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes, and Angel City Press; US; Los Angeles
Rubber Soldiers: The Forgotten Army that Saved the Allies in WWII, Gary Neeleman & Rose Neeleman; Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.; USA; Salt Lake City
The Dance Halls of Spanish Louisiana, Sara Ann Harris; Pelican Publishing Company; USA; New Orleans

**Best History Book – Spanish**
Antiguos Jesuítas, Sus libros, Fabio Ramirez, S.J. Juan David Giraldo; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá
Voices From the Past: The Comanche Raid of 1776 & Other Tales of New Mexico History, Robert Tórrez; Rio Grande Books; USA/ Caucasian; Alburquerque

**Best Political/Current Affairs Book**
All the agents and Saints: Dispatches from the U.S. Borderlands, Stephanie Elizondo Griest; University of North Carolina Press; US/Tejana; Raleigh NC
Knockout: Fidel Castro Visits The South Bronx, Julio Pabón; Julio Pabón; Puerto Rico; South Bronx, NY
Reading Tea Leaves After Trump, Thelma T. Reyna; Golden Foothills Press; USA/Latina; Los Angeles, CA

**Best Business Book**

Gaucho Dialogues on Dealership and Management, Alfredo Behrens; Anthem Press; Uruguay; Sao Paulo Brazil
Organización Puerto de Cartagena, Adriana Llano Restrepo & Juan Gossain; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá

**Best Arts Book**

Axis Mundo: Queer Networks in Chicano L.A., Editor: C. Ondine Chavoya & David Evans Frantz; ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries; Chavoya; Mexica/American/Chicano; Frantz: US/German/Italian American; Los Angeles CA
Judith F. Baca, Anna Indych-Lopez; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ;
La marimba mesoamericana: Una historia ilustrada, Efraín Figueroa Lemus; Editorial Piedra Santa ; Guatemala; Escondido
Maruca Gómez, Joaquín Gómez; Villegas Editores; Nicaragua; Managua
¡Murales Rebeldes! L.A. Chicana/Chicano Murals Under Siege, Erin M. Curtis, Jessica Hough, Guisela Latorre; California Historical Society, La Plaza de Cultura y Artes, and Angel City Press; US; Los Angeles
Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide, Isabel Quintero; Getty Publications; USA; Los Angeles

**Best Gift Book**

Colombia en acuarelas, Song Xinru; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá
The ABCs to Ranching, Patty York Raymond; Mascot Books; USA/Mexican; San Antonio

**Best Self-help Book – English**

A 30 Day Guide to Your Power: Power Outcomes through Powerful Words, Ivette Mayo; Ivette Mayo; Puerto Rico; Houston TX
The Art of Getting Everything, Elizabeth Suárez; Morgan James Publishing; US and Cuba; Denver
The Power of Love: My Victory Over Breast Cancer, Karla Icaza; Lulu / Karla Icaza; Nicaragua; Managua

**Best Self-help Book – Spanish**

Domesticando Tu Dinosaurio, Silverio Pérez; Editorial Planeta; Puerto Rico; San Juan, PR
El arte de servir con felicidad, Jesús Neira Quintero; Snow Fountain Press; ;
¿Quién manda, el caballo o tú?, Diego Bravo; Way Success Team; Colombia; Orlando, FL
¡Ven a la vida! Tu guía para el autodescubrimiento, Thomas W. Iland & Emily D. Iland; Porterville Press; USA/Irish American; Los Angeles

**Best Health Book**

Cáncer de Seno Claro y Sensillo, Segunda Edición, The Experts at the American Cancer Society; American Cancer Society; USA; Atlanta, GA
Cuerpazo para siempre, Claudia Molina; Atria Books; Colombia; Miami
The New No Gimmick Diet - The Buena Salud Guide to Losing Weight and Keeping It off, Jane L. Delgado, PhD, MS; Buena Salud Press; Cuba; Washington DC

**Best Parenting/Family Book**

Mommy Burnout, Dr. Sheryl Ziegler; Dey Street Books / HarperCollins Publishers; USA; Denver, CO
No estás solo: Recetas para obtener éxito, de padres para padres, Edited by Dra. Lettie Ramírez; Photographs by Alex Ramírez López; Velázquez Press; US/Mexican; San Francisco
When is Daddy Coming?, Ofelia Perez; Archway Publishing; Puerto Rico; Philadelphia

**Best Women’s Issues Book**

Bodies at War: Genealogies of Militarism in Chicana Literature and Culture, Belinda Linn Rincón; University of Arizona Press; New York City; US/Chicana
Chicana Tributes: Activist Women of the Civil Rights Movement, Rita Sanchez & Sonia Lopez; Montezuma Publishing; USA-Mexican American; San Diego
Historias de mujer, de costilla a Reina, Marlyn Arroyo; Marlyn Arroyo; Puerto Rico; Ponce
The Art of Getting Everything, Elizabeth Suárez; Morgan James Publishing; US and Cuba; Denver

**Best Religious Book**

Dios Habla con Arjuna: El Bhagavad Guita Vol II, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; India/indian;

**Best Spiritual/New Age Book**

Dios Habla con Arjuna: El Bhagavad Guita Vol II, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; India/indian;
La magia del ierego, Víctor Florencio; Atria Books; Dominican Republic; Miami, New York
¿Por qué no fluye el amor en mi vida?, Ana Mercedes Rueda; Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial; Colombia; New York
Tu alma te necesita, Dra. Judith Huerta de Campos; José Luis Altet; Venezuela; Miami FL

**Best Travel Book**

Arquitectura de la colonización antioqueña, Nestor Tobón Botero; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá

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**Best Sports/Recreation Book**
Country Club de Bogotá: Primer centenario, Adriana Llano Restrepo; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá

**Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author**
U.S. Central Americans: Reconstructing Memories, Struggles, and Communities of Resistance, Edited by Karina O. Alvarado, Alicia Ivonne Estrada & Ester E. Hernández; University of Arizona Press; KOA: El Salvador; AIE: Guatemala; EHH: USA (Latina); Los Angeles, CA (all authors)

**C  FICTION AWARDS**

**Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – English**
Everyone Knows You Go Home, Natalia Sylvester; Amazon Publishing, Little A; Lima Peru/Peruvian; Austin, TX

Fight Like a Man and Other Stories We Tell Our Children, Christine Granados; University of New Mexico Press; ; Albuquerque, NM

Harmony of Colors, Rocky Barilla; Rosquete Press; US-Mexican; San Francisco

In the Belly of the Horse, Eliana Tobias; Inanna Publications; ;

Joaquin’s Journey, Strawberry Fields, Chuy Ramirez; First Texas Publishers; Texas, Mexican American; San Antonio

**Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – Spanish**
9 Cuentos de inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos, Eduardo Cabrera; Eduardo Cabrera; Argentina; Chicago

Erase una vez Laurides, Andrea Amosson; Pinar Publisher; Chile; Dallas

Fábulas de Nuestra Tierra para contar en un Día de Muertos, Nora Girón-Dolce; Ramos Editores; México; Seattle

**Most Inspirational Fiction Book**
Mi Búsqueda, Antonio L. Rivera Rivera; Antonio L. Rivera Rivera; Puerto Rico; San Juan, PR

Things you didn’t tell your father, Hugo H. Blanco & Maria Cecilia Blanco; Publicaciones Entre Lineas; Cuban; Miami

Tiempo de ser, Camila Reimers; Art and Literature Mapale & Publishing Inc; Chile; Ottawa, Canada

Victoria es mi nombre, And every day I think I’m going to die, Eliana Habalian; MEL Projects; Venezuela; Miami

**Best Popular Fiction – English**
Plaza Requiem, Martha Bátiz; Exile Editions, Canada; Mexico; Toronto ON, NY

**Best Popular Fiction – Spanish**
A tres manos, Roxana Orué, Ramón Sepúlveda & Carlos Andrés Torres; Editorial Artística; Perú, Chile, Colombia; Ottawa-Gatineau

Acto reflejo y otros relatos, Alberto Caballero; Pukiyari Editores; Perú; Washington D.C.

Caléndula, Kíanny N. Antigua; Kíanny N. Antigua; República Dominicana; Boston NYC

Rush Hour y otros relatos para leer en tren, Luis Antonio Rodríguez; Isla Negra Editores; Puerto Rico; New York

Tiempo de ser, Camila Reimers; Art and Literature Mapale & Publishing Inc; Chile; Ottawa, Canada

**Best Novel - Adventure or Drama**
El Monstruo Mundo, Azucena Hernández; Ars Communis Editorial; Mexico; New York

Jaspora, Carlos Garcia Pandiello; Aduana Vieja; Cuba; Miami

Los días animales, Keila Vall de la Ville; Oscar Todtmann Editores; Venezuela, EEUU; NY

Paloma aventurera, Ani Palacios; Pukiyari Editores; Peru; Columbus, Ohio

**Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English**
Chains of Silver, Claudia H. Long; Five Directions Press; USA/Sephardic; San Francisco

The Hawk’s Reemergence, Roberto de Haro; Roberto de Haro; USA-Mexico; San Francisco, CA

The Living Infinite, Chantel Acevedo; Europa Editions; Cuba-American; Miami Fl

The Vineyard, María Dueñas; Atria Books; Spain; Murcia

**Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish**
Semillas amargas: Tras la esperanza del oro negro, Eddie Ferraioli con Gizelle Borrero; Divinas Letras; Puerto Rico; San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Book of Archives and Other Stories from the Mora Valley, New Mexico, A. Gabriel Meléndez; University of Oklahoma Press; US; Albuquerque, NM

**Best Novel - Mystery**
El último clóset, Ani Palacios; Pukiyari Editores; Peru; Columbus, Ohio

The Last Night at Tremore Beach, Mikel Santiago; Atria Books; Spain;

**Best Novel - Fantasy/Sci-Fi**
Amageddon: An Apache Story, Pablo Omar Zaragoza & Susan Giffin; Wasteland Press; Cuba/USA; Miami, Florida

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The Hawk's Reemergence, Roberto de Haro; Roberto de Haro; USA-Mexico; San Francisco, CA

Best Novel - Romance
El lunar en el hombro derecho, Linda Pagán Pattiserie; País Invisible-editores; Puerto Rico;
La templanza, María Dueñas; Atria Books; Spain; Murcia
#Mujer que piensa, Carolina A. Herrera; El BeiSMan Press; México; Chicago
The Duel for Consuelo, Claudia H. Long; Five Directions Press; USA/Sephardic; San Francisco

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Bilingual
Sin preámbulos / Without Preamble, Xánath Caraza, Translated by Sandra Kingery; Spartan Press; México, Latina Indigenous; Kansas City, MO
Traducir el silencio / Translating Silence, Manuel Iris; Artepoética Press; México; Cincinnati, OH
Wild Beauty, Ntozake Shange; Atria Books; USA; Maryland

Best Poetry Book - One Author – English
Reading Tea Leaves After Trump, Thelma T. Reyna; Golden Foothills Press; USA/Latina; Los Angeles, CA
The Last Cigarette on Earth, Benjamin Alire Sáenz; Cinco Puntos Press; US, Latino; El Paso, TX
When Love Was Reels, José B. González; Arte Publico Press; El Salvador; New York

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Spanish
Al desnudo, Fermina Ponce; Editorial Oveja Negra; Colombia, Bogotá; Aurdra, IL-Chicago
Lágrima Roja, Xánath Caraza; Editorial Nazarí; México, Latina Indigenous; Kansas City, MO
Poesía alada, poesía y arte para volar, Mariana Llanos; Purple Corn Press; Perú; Oklahoma City

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author
Sombras di-versas: Diecisiete poetas españolas actuales (1970-1991), Amalia Iglesias Serna; Vaso Roto Ediciones; España; Madrid
The Abuela Stories Project, Peggy Robles-Alvarado & Daisy Arroyo; Robleswriters Productions; USA/P.R./Dominican Republic; NYC
Voces del vino, María A. Farazdel; Books & Smith; Republica Dominicana; New York

Best Fiction - Multi-Author
Del sur al norte: Narrativa de autores andinos, Melanie Márquez Adams; El BeiSMan Press; Ecuador; Nashville, Tennesse
Historias de Toronto, Various authors; Lugar Común Editorial; Toronto, New York;
Ni Bárbaras ni Malinches, Selección de Fernando Olszanski; Ars Communis Editorial; Argentina; Chicago

D  eBooks & Audio Awards
Best Children’s Picture eBook
Basic English Lessons-Workbook Level D Serie Sparkid by Eduspark, Laura Machuca & Rosario Sepulveda; Eduspark, SA de CV; Mexico; Austin

Best Young Adult eBook
¡Ven a la vida! Tu guía para el autodescubrimiento, Thomas W. Iland & Emily D. Iland; Porterville Press; USA/Irish American; Los Angeles

Best eBook - Nonfiction
Encounters After the Sunset: Rescuing Ancestral Memories, Ricardo Suarez-Gartner; Kindle Direct Publishing; Venezuela; Riverside, CA
¡Ven a la vida! Tu guía para el autodescubrimiento, Thomas W. Iland & Emily D. Iland; Porterville Press; USA/Irish American; Los Angeles

Best Children’s Audio Book
Benjamin and the Curious Four, Delia Diaz; Delia Diaz; México, Mexican American; San Jose, CA

E  Portuguese Awards
Best Children’s Picture Book in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)
Os Rios Voadores, Yana Marull; Outubro Edições; Germany; Brasilia, Brazil

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)
Teresa Voa, Alfredo Behrens; Alfredo Behrens; Uruguay-Hispanic; Brazil

Best Book - Nonfiction in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)
A Casa Da Vida, Adriana Kortlandt; Tagore Editora; Brazil; Brasilia
A Segunda Vinda de Cristo: A ressurreicao do Cristo interior Vol. III, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; USA;
Obstinação, O Lema dos que Vencem, Judivan Vieira; Chiado Editora; Brazil; Brasilia-DF

Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)
O Espírito da Ilha, Rodrigo Caiado; Chiado Editora; Brazil; Goiania
Sivirino com “I” e o Deus da Pedra do Navio, Judivan Vieira; Chiado Editora; Brazil; Brasilia-DF

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F DESIGN AWARDS

Best Latino Focused Book Design
- Home - So Different, So Appealing, Designed by Henk van Assen; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
- Judith F. Baca, Anna Indych-Lopez; Designed by William Morosi; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
- Laura Aguilar: Show and Tell, Designed by William Morosi; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

Best Cover Design
- Home - So Different, So Appealing, Designed by Henk van Assen; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
- Long and Almost Magical, Adalucía; Cholita Prints and Publishing Company; Lima, Perú (Ancestry: Spanish/Cuban); Albuquerque, NM

Best Cover Illustration
- Long and Almost Magical, Adalucía; Cholita Prints and Publishing Company; Lima, Perú (Ancestry: Spanish/Cuban); Albuquerque, NM

Best Cover Photo
- Home - So Different, So Appealing, Cover photo by Leyla Cardenas; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

Best Interior Design
- Aves de Casanare, Photography by Murray Cooper; Villegas Editores; Colombia, Bogotá
- El ángel del origami: La historia de Ligia Montoya, Designed by Laura Rozenberg, Verónica Carman & Luna Schapira; Laura Rozenberg; Argentina; Buenos Aires and New York

Best Use of Photos Inside the Book
- Arquitectura de la colonización antioqueña, Photography by Olga Lucía Jordán, Diego Samper, Nestor Tobón Botero & Jorge Eduardo Arango; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá
- Home - So Different, So Appealing, Designed by Henk van Assen; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

Best Use of Illustrations Inside the Book
- Antiguos Jesuítas, Sus libros, Photography by Andrés Mauricio López; Villegas Editores; Colombia; Bogotá
- Jorge and the Lost Cookie Jar, Illustrated by Penny Weber; Dayton Publishing; Mexico; San Diego
- Long and Almost Magical, Adalucía; Cholita Prints and Publishing Company; Lima, Perú (Ancestry: Spanish/Cuban); Albuquerque, NM
- Tonalpohualli, Patricia Baez & Jeannette L. Clariond; Abstracta Ediciones; México; México

Most Unique Binding for a Book
- The Birthday Book / Las Mañanitas, Susie Jaramillo; Encantos Media Studios, PBC; Venezuela/USA; New York City

G TRANSLATION AWARDS

Best Children’s Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish
- Coco: Miguel and the Grand Harmony / Miguel y la gran armonía, Matt de la Peña; Translated by Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Disney Publishing Worldwide; Unites States; Brooklyn

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - Spanish to English
- La Princesa Inkala y la Última Dinastía Inca, Judith G. Leifer; Laredo Publishing Company; Perú; New York City

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - English to Spanish
- Aire Encantado, Margarita Engle; Translated by Alexis Romay; Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers; USA; San Jose
- ¡Ven a la vida! Tu guía para el autodescubrimiento, Thomas W. Iland & Emily D. Iland; Porterville Press; USA/Irish American; Los Angeles

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - Spanish to English
- Encountres After the Sunset: Rescuing Ancestral Memories, Ricardo Suarez-Gartner; Ricardo Suarez-Gartner; Venezuela; Riverside, CA
- Paper Life: The story of Ligia Montoya, Laura Rozenberg; Translated by Christine Walsh & Guido López Dato; Laura Rozenberg; Argentina; Buenos Aires and New York
- Think Skinny, Feel Fit, Alejandro Chabán; Translated by Carlos Frias; Atria Books; Venezuela; Miami

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish
- La Confirmación de los Católicos Adultos: Cinco sesiones para prepararse y reflexionar, Mary Birmingham; Translated by Sylvia L. Sánchez; World Library Publications; USA; Melbourne FL

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English
- And All of Us Were Actors, A Century of Light and Shadow, Gustavo Gac-Artigas; Translated by Andrea G. Labinger; Ediciones Nuevo Espacio; Chile; New York
- In the Midst of Winter, Isabel Allende; Translated by Nick Caistor & Amanda Hopkinson; Atria Books; Chile; San Francisco
- Traducir el silencio / Translating Silence, Translated by Manuel Iris, Matt McBride, Erin Braun & Pat Brennan; Artepoética Press; México; Cincinnati, OH

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish
- De la Pira al Fuego, Genie Milgrom; Genie Milgrom; Cuban with Spanish descent; Miami, FL
La jornada de Joaquín, Chuy Ramírez; First Texas Publishers; Texas, Mexican American; San Antonio
Wild Beauty, Ntozake Shange; Translated by Alejandro Álvarez Nieves; Atria Books; USA; Maryland

H The Mariposa Awards

Best First Book - Children & Youth
¡Achú, achú, Pirulo!, Pamy Rojas; Cuentos Verdes; Puerto Rico; San Juan
All Around Us, Xelena González; Cinco Puntos Press; US/Meztizo; San Antonio TX
Princess Inkala and the Last Inka Dynasty, Judith G. Leifer; Laredo Publishing Company; Perú; New York City

Best First Book - Nonfiction
Tenía que sobrevivir, Dr. Roberto Canessa & Pablo Vierci; Atria Books; Uruguay;
The Cost of Our Lives, Linda González; Wido Publishing; USA, México, Colombia; San Francisco

Best First Book - Fiction – English
Blood’s Echo, Isabella Maldonado; Midnight Ink; ; Mesa, AZ
The Free Spirit of Virtue, Carlos Agüila; Carlos Agüila; USA/Cuban & Dominican Republic; New York City, NY
The Night of the Virgin, Elliott Turner; Round Ball Media Publishing; USA, MEXICO; Houson

Best First Book - Fiction – Spanish
A tres manos, Roxana Orué, Ramón Sepúlveda & Carlos Andrés Torres; Editorial Artística; Perú, Chile, Colombia; Ottawa-Gatineau
Jaspora, Carlos García Pandiello; Aduana Vieja; Cuba; Miami
#Mujer que piensa, Carolina A. Herrera; El BeiSMAN Press; México; Chicago

I Themed Awards

Best Latina Themed Book
Judith F. Baca, Anna Indych-Lopez; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ;
Laura Aguilar: Show and Tell, Edited by Rebecca Epstein; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ;
Single chicas, Sandra C. López; Sandra Lopez; USA; Los Angeles
The Abuela Stories Project, Peggy Robles-Alvarado & Daisy Arroyo; Robleswriters Productions; USA/P.R./Dominican Republic; NYC

Best LGBTQ Themed Book
Axis Mundo: Queer Networks in Chicano L.A., Editor: C. Ondine Chavoya & David Evans Frantz; ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries; Chavoya; Mexica/American/Chicano; Frantz: US/German/Italian American; Los Angeles CA
Laura Aguilar: Show and Tell, Edited by Rebecca Epstein; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ;
Patricia sigue aquí, María Mínguez Arias; Editorial Eagles; España; San Francisco

Best Educational Themed Book
Mermaids on a Mission to Save the Oceans, Janet Balletta; WRB Publishing; USA / Colombian & Puerto Rico descent; West Palm Beach, FL
Princess Inkala and the Last Inka Dynasty, Judith G. Leifer; Laredo Publishing Company; Perú; New York City

Best Academic Themed Book
TExES Bilingual Education Supplemental 164, Dr. Luis A. Rosado; Research & Education Association, Inc.; Ponce, Puerto Rico; Dallas-Fort Worth
The Chicano Studies Reader: An Anthology of Aztlán 1970-2015, Edited by Chon A. Noriea, Eric Avila, Karen Mary Davalos, Chela Sandoval & Rafael Pérez-Torres; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ;