

Published Books Preliminary Judging Submission Guidelines

Deadline for Published Books Submissions: January 31, 2017

The San Diego Book Awards Published Book competition is open to current residents of San Diego County. Books submitted for the 2017 competition must have been first published or copyrighted in 2015 or 2016. Since there was no contest in 2016, we are accepting entries from both years. A book may be entered only once--in either the published year or copyright year. If a book has multiple authors, at least one must reside within San Diego County. Books by former residents of San Diego County will not be considered; however, books published posthumously will be considered if the deceased author was a resident of San Diego County at the time the book was written and if the work was first published in 2015 or 2016 or bears a 2015 or 2016 copyright.

We start accepting unpublished submissions January 1, 2017.

All submissions remain the literary property of the writer. Incomplete entries or entries received after the deadline will not be judged. Submissions received with postage due will be discarded and not judged.

*Self-published books are eligible if they have been professionally written, edited, and printed. If self-published entries are not presented in a professional manner, the judges have the option not to judge the entry and the entry fee will not be returned or refunded.

*E-books are eligible, but they must be submitted in printed form.

*Ghostwritten books are eligible if the name of the ghostwriter is disclosed and lives in San Diego County.

*More than one title by the same author may be submitted. Each submission must be accompanied by a separate submission form, and submission fee.

* Anthologies with more than one contributing author are accepted.



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*To receive copies of the judges score sheets, include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with the name of the entry in the lower left hand corner. **If no SASE is included with the entry, the judging sheets will not be returned.**

* Send complete entries to: San Diego Book Awards, P.O. Box 6487, Oceanside, CA 92052-6487.

Categories

A book may be submitted only once and judged in only one category. Published book categories include fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Authors (or their representatives) are required to choose a subcategory for their entry, which will serve as the judging category. Authors may note more than one subcategory, if applicable, in case their first-choice subcategory is excluded from the contest, but the book will only be judged in one category. Winners of a category award will be selected from the top finalists from each subcategory.

Categories (and their subcategories) are listed below. The final categories and the number of finalists each year is dependent on the number of entries.

Published Fiction Categories (Subcategories)

General (General, Mainstream, Contemporary)
Children/Young Adult (Children, Picture Book, Young Adult)
Historical/Romance (Historical Mystery, Historical Fantasy, Romance)
Mystery/Thriller/Suspense (Mystery, Thriller, Suspense, Political/Legal Thriller)
Anthology (Short Story Collection, Fiction Anthology/Collection)
SciFi/Fantasy (SciFi, Fantasy, Horror)
Published Nonfiction Categories (Subcategories)

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General (General, Humor, Pets)
Children/Young Adult (Children, YA, Picture Book)
Biography/Autobiography (Biography, Memoir)
Business/Science/Politics (Business, Military, Politics, Science)
Local Interest/History (Local Interest, History)



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Self-Help/Inspirational (Health/Medicine, Psychology/Social Sciences, Self-help, Spiritual, Inspirational)

Hobbies/Travel (Travel, Cookbook, Arts, Crafts)

Published Poetry Categories (Subcategories)

Number of Copies: Authors must submit three copies of each book or printed e-book. Books will not be returned to the author(s).

Submission form: A completed, signed, and dated submission form must accompany each submission.

Fee: A nonrefundable submission fee of \$25.00 must accompany each submission. Make checks payable to: San Diego Book Awards.

Deadline: All published books, submission forms, and fees must be received by 1/31/17. Entries received after that date will not be judged.

Notification: Finalists in each category will be notified in advance of the awards ceremony, which will be held in June 2017. All finalists and category winners will be honored at the awards ceremony. Winners and finalists will be promoted on the SDBA web site:
www.sandiegobookawards.org

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