

Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony

Presented by Education Minnesota

Celebrate the state's best books at the 2019 Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony. Awards will be presented to winners in nine categories, the 2019 Book Artist Award winner, and the 2019 Kay Sexton Award honoree.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

InterContinental Hotel Saint Paul Riverfront

Preface Reception | 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Faegre Baker Daniels

Meet the finalists, book sales and signing, cash bar

Awards Ceremony | 8:00 p.m.

Wine, refreshments, live music

Epilogue After-Party | 9:30 p.m.

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Toast the winners and finalists

Meet the Finalists

Co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota Libraries

Get to know the 2019 Minnesota Book Awards finalists as authors from each category participate in panel discussions about their work. A reception, book sales, and signings accompany this free event.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

Elmer L. Andersen Library, University of Minnesota
222 21st Avenue S, Minneapolis

7:00 p.m. Program | Reception to follow

36 Books Blog

Beginning March 1, we will feature an exclusive interview with a finalist each day leading up to the Awards Ceremony.

For all your Minnesota Book Awards information visit:

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About the Book Awards

The Minnesota Book Awards is a year-long program of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library that fosters our statewide literary arts community. The process begins in the fall with book submissions and continues through winter with two rounds of judging. Winners are announced at the spring Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony.

Woven throughout the season are events that promote the authors and connect the world of Minnesota books – writers, artists, illustrators, publishers, editors, and more – to readers throughout the state. In recognition of this and its other statewide programs and services, the Library of Congress has recognized The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library as the state's designated Center for the Book.

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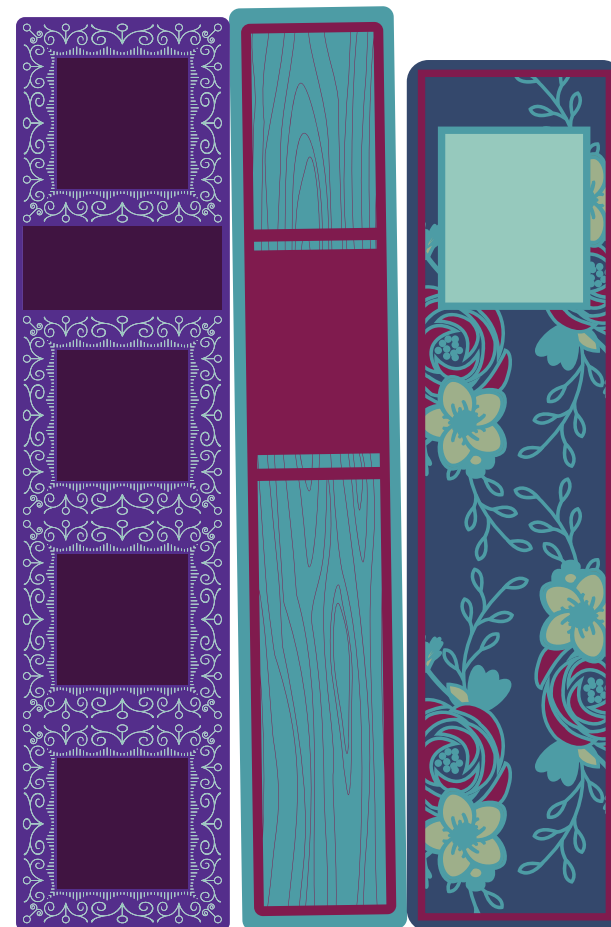
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2019 Finalists



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Children's Literature

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Best Friends in the Universe by Stephanie Watson,
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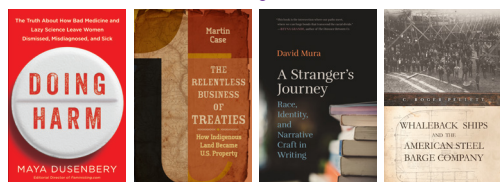
Hush Hush, Forest by Mary Casanova,
woodcuts by Nick Wroblewski

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

Small Walt and Mo the Tow by Elizabeth Verdick,
illustrated by Marc Rosenthal

General Nonfiction

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Doing Harm: The Truth About How Bad Medicine and Lazy Science Leave Women Dismissed, Misdiagnosed, and Sick by Maya Dusenbery

The Relentless Business of Treaties: How Indigenous Land Became U.S. Property by Martin Case

A Stranger's Journey: Race, Identity, and Narrative Craft in Writing by David Mura

Whaleback Ships and the American Steel Barge Company by C. Roger Pellett

Genre Fiction

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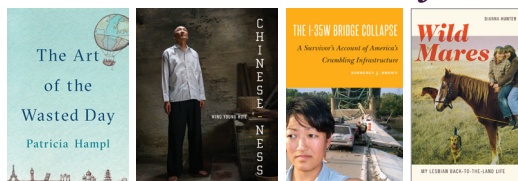
Dreadful Young Ladies and Other Stories by Kelly Barnhill

Leave No Trace by Mindy Mejia

The Shadows We Hide by Allen Eskens

The Voice Inside by Brian Freeman

Memoir & Creative Nonfiction



The Art of the Wasted Day by Patricia Hampl

Chinese-Ness: The Meanings of Identity and the Nature of Belonging by Wing Young Huie

The I-35W Bridge Collapse: A Survivor's Account of America's Crumbling Infrastructure

by Kimberly J. Brown

Wild Mares: My Lesbian Back-to-the-Land Life
by Dianna Hunter

Middle Grade Literature

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The Collectors by Jacqueline West

The Key to Everything by Pat Schmatz

Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo

Otherwood by Pete Hautman

Minnesota Nonfiction

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The Children of Lincoln: White Paternalism and the Limits of Black Opportunity in Minnesota, 1860-1876

by William D. Green

The Crusade for Forgotten Souls: Reforming Minnesota's Mental Institutions, 1946-1954

by Susan Bartlett Foote

Gichi Bitobig, Grand Marais: Early Accounts of the Anishinaabeg and the North Shore Fur Trade
by Timothy Cochrane

Gunflint Burning: Fire in the Boundary Waters
by Cary J. Griffith

Novel & Short Story

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A Lady's Guide to Selling Out by Sally Franson

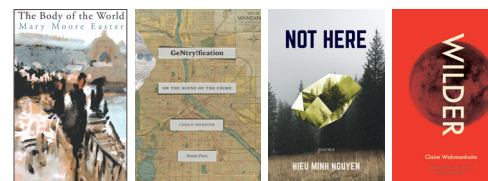
Laurentian Divide: A Novel by Sarah Stonich

Oranges by Gary Eldon Peter

The Patron Saint of Lost Girls by Maureen Aitken

Poetry

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The Body of the World by Mary Moore Easter

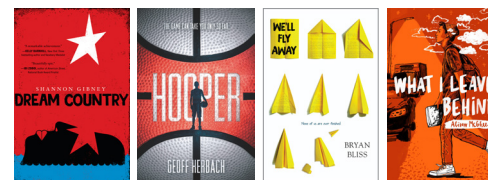
GeNtry!fication: or the scene of the crime

by Chaun Webster

Not Here by Hieu Minh Nguyen

Wilder by Claire Wahmanholm

Young Adult Literature



Dream Country by Shannon Gibney

Hooper by Geoff Herbach

We'll Fly Away by Bryan Bliss

What I Leave Behind by Alison McGhee

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