Minnesota Book Awards
36th Annual Ceremony
Presented by Education Minnesota

Celebrate the state’s best books at the Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony. Awards will be presented live to winners in nine categories and to the recipients of the Book Artist, Hognander Minnesota History, and Kay Sexton Awards. Nur-D will serve as emcee.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024
Ordway | 345 Washington Street, Saint Paul
Preface | 6:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony | 7:30 p.m.
Epilogue | 9:00 p.m.
Ceremony will also be livestreamed.

Meet the Finalists
Get to know the 2024 Minnesota Book Awards finalists as authors from each category participate in a series of online panel discussions about their work.

Discussions will be posted in April. Register for The Friends e-news for notifications or visit thefriends.org/youtube to view.

36 Books Blog
Beginning in April, we will feature exclusive interviews with finalists leading up to the awards celebration.

For tickets, livestream registration, and all your Minnesota Book Awards information, scan this code and visit our website.

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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 designated The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library as the state’s designated Center for the Book.

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Children’s Literature

**Beneath** by Cori Doerrfeld
**Can We Please Give the Police Department to the Grandmothers?** by Junauda Petrus; illustrations by Kristen Uroda
**Finding Family: The Duckling Raised by Loons** by Laura Purdie Salas; illustrations by Alexandria Neonakis
**Looking For Happy** by Ty Chapman; illustrations by Keenon Ferrell

General Nonfiction

**The Greatest Summer in Baseball History: How the ‘73 Season Changed Us Forever** by John Rosengren
**Lessons on the Road to Peace** by John Noltner
**The Needle and the Lens: Pop Goes to the Movies from Rock ‘n’ Roll to Synthwave** by Nate Patrin
**Smoke on the Waterfront: The Northern Waters Smokehaus Cookbook** by Ned Netzel, Nic Peloquin, Mary K. Tennis, Greg Conley & Eric Goerdt; photographs by Jacob Swanson, Flo, Stephen Pestalozzi, & Zac Bentz

Genre Fiction

**Citadel** by C.M. Alongi
**Ink Blood Sister Scribe** by Emma Törzs
**Liberty’s Daughter** by Naomi Kritzer
**Native Love Jams** by Tashia Hart

Memoir & Creative Nonfiction

**The Crystal Gavel: How I Put My Heart into the Body of the Law** by Sue Cochrane
**Half-Life of a Secret: Reckoning with a Hidden History** by Emily Strasser
**In the Company of Grace: A Veterinarian’s Memoir of Trauma and Healing** by Jody Lulich
**Trauma Sponges: Dispatches from the Scarred Heart of Emergency Response** by Jeremy Norton

Middle Grade Literature

**Dear Brother** by Alison McGhee; illustrations by Tuan Nini
**The Kitchen Pantry Scientist: Ecology for Kids** by Liz Lee Heinecke
**The Puppets of Spelhorst** by Kate DiCamillo
**Shannon in the Spotlight** by Kalena Miller

Emilie Buchwald Award for Minnesota Nonfiction

**Break the Wheel: Ending the Cycle of Police Violence** by Keith Ellison
**Making the Carry: The Lives of John and Tchi-Ki-Wis Linklater** by Timothy Cochrane
**Minescapes: Reclaiming Minnesota’s Mined Lands** by Pete Kero
**Winter’s Song: A Hymn to the North** by TD Mischke

Novel & Short Story

**Brotherless Night** by V.V. Ganeshananthan
**A Council of Dolls** by Mona Susan Power
**Power and Light** by Will Weaver
**The Sky Vault** by Benjamin Percy

Poetry

**The Fight** by Jennifer Manthey
**Meltwater** by Claire Wahmanholm
**Songs, Blood Deep** by Gwen Nell Westerman
**Wail Song: or wading in the water at the end of the world** by Chaun Webster

Young Adult Literature

**The Girl I Am, Was, and Never Will Be** by Shannon Gibney
**Just Do This One Thing for Me** by Laura Zimmermann
**Reimagining Police: The Future of Public Safety** by Dr. Artika Tyner
**The Roof Over Our Heads** by Nicole Kronzer

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