**2021 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards Winners List**

The number of total entries in this year’s program was up 64.2% over 2020. Of the 1,676 books judged in this year’s awards program, 68 books were selected as winners based on the highest average scores in each category. 77% of the winners had average scores of 95 out of 100 or higher.

**Activity Book**

*Sestina Playbook* Jules Nyquist Poetry Playhouse Publications

**Animals/Pets**

*The Dogs of Pinyon Glen* Kat Sawyer

**Fiction Anthology**

*Desert Threnody* John Macker Auxarczen Press

**Nonfiction Anthology**

*New Mexico Remembers 9/11* Patricia Walkow Artemesia Publishing

**Anthropology**

*Maya Ruins Revisited* William Frej Peyton Wright Gallery

**Arts**

*Relicarios* Martha Egan Fresco Books

**Autobiography/Memoir**

*Face, A Memoir* Marcia Meier Saddle Road Press

**Bilingual Children's Picture Book**

*Todos a celebrar! A Vaquero Alphabet Book* Dr Maria Alma Gonzalez Perez Del Alma Publications

**Bilingual Adult Book**

*Lagrimas* Nasario Garcia Judith Literary Press

**Arizona Biography**

*The Last Newsreel* Ralph Mayhew & Dan Baldwin

**New Mexico Biography**

*The Tinker of Tinkertown* Carla Ward Tinkertown Press

**Biography Other**

*Gun and Gods in My Genes* Neill McKee NBFS Creations

**Body, Mind & Spirit**

*Spiritual Growth* Rabbi Paul Steinberg Terra Nova Books

**Business/Career**

*A Short & Happy Guide to Financial Well-Being* Sherri Burr West Academic

**Children's Picture Book**

*And That's the Tooth* Terri Fields Arbordale Publishing

**Coffee Table Book**

*Walking Flagstaff* George Breed Soulstice Publishing

**Cookbook**

*The Gourmet Gangster* Jory Rosen & Marcia Rosen Level Best Books

**Crafts/Hobby/Home & Garden**

*A Knitter Walks in a Bar* Megan Baldrige Poetry Playhouse Publications

**Fiction eBook (Tie)**

*One Will: Three Wives* Edith Tarbescu Adelaide Books

*Stunning Stories of Fantasy & Science Fiction* Alethea Eason, E J Randolph, Kris Neri, Kate Rauner Borderland Writers Co-op

*The Dust of Stars* Robert Vardeman Cenotaph Corp

**Nonfiction eBook**

*The Expendable* John Lewis Floyd Trou de Lapin

**Fiction Adventure/Drama**

*The Accidental Road* Jodi Lea Stewart Five Star Press

**Fiction Cozy Mystery**

*The Pot Thief Who Studied the Woman at Otowi Crossing* J Michael Orenduff Aakenbaaken & Kent

**Fiction Crime**

*Natural Causes* Joseph Badal Suspense Publishing

**Fiction Arizona Historical**

*Dudes Rush In* Lynn Downey Pronghorn Press

**Fiction New Mexico Historical (Tie)**

*The Gospel According to Billy the Kidd: A Novel* Dennis McCarthy UNM Press

*Cibola Spring* Andres C Salazar Archway Publishing

**Fiction Historical Other**

*Answer Creek* Ashley E Sweeney She Writes Press

**Fiction Literary**

*The Odyssey of Geronimo* W Michael Farmer Gale-Five Star

**Fiction Mystery Thriller (Tie)**

*Picnic in the Ruins* Todd Robert Petersen Counterpoint Press

*Stargazer* Anne Hillerman Harper Collins

**Fiction SciFi/Fantasy**

*The Shakespeare Incident* Jonathan Miller Artemesia Publishing

**Fiction Other (Tie)**

*The Illustrated Fractured Fables* Ralph M Flores Tome Lane Books

*Getting New Mexico* Rhenna St Clair Pace Press

**1st Book Arizona**

*Blood and Silver* Vali Benson Tellwell Publishing

**1st Book New Mexico**

*The Wind Blows and the Flowers Dance* Terre Reed Sacred Life Publishers

**LGBTQ**

*Sam & Janet's Evening* Ross Van Dusen

**History Arizona**

*Military Wives in Arizona Territory* Jan Cleere Two Dot Press

**History New Mexico**

*Atomic Paradise* Jules Nyquist Poetry Playhouse Publications

**History Other**

*When Outlaws Wore Badges* Melody Groves Globe Pequot Press

**Juvenile (Tie)**

*WALK: Jamie Bacon's Secret Mission* Esther Jantzen Jantzenbooks, LLC

*Wilmettie* Sue Houser Texas Tech Univ Press

**Multicultural**

*The Boy Who Flies* JoAnne DeKeuster Enchanted Circle Pottery Press

**Nature/Environment (Tie)**

*At the Precipice: New Mexico's Changing Climate* Laura Paskus UNM Press

*Accidental Argonaut* Steven Cary Metalmarker Press

**New Age**

*Diving Deep* Catherine Weser Terra Nova Books

**Nonfiction General**

*Brothers on Three* Abe Streep Celadon Books

**Parenting & Family**

*Evan and the Skygoats* Vanessa Vassar Leaf Storm Press

**Philosophy**

*Joe Rides Again* John Roche Poetry Playhouse Publications

**Poetry Arizona**

*Postcolonial Love Poem* Natalie Diaz Greywolf Press

**Poetry New Mexico**

*Dear October* Mary Morris Texas Review Press

**Poetry Anthology**

*Offering for the Journey* eds. John Roche, Jules Nyquist & Pamela Williams Poetry Playhouse Publications

**Political/Current Events**

*Vietnam Veteran Unbroken* Jacqueline M Loring McFarland & Co

**Reference**

*Style is Everything in Microsoft Word®* Mary McArthur The Software Lady

**Religion**

*Garden of Eden: Plants of the Hebrew Bible* Gloria Abella Ballen Gaon Books

**Self-help & Guides**

*Our Changing World* Sally Severino Epigraph Books

**Sports/Recreation**

*Hiking Trails in Valles Caldera* Coco Rae

**Travel Arizona**

*Arizona's Scenic Roads and Hikes* Roger Naylor UNM Press

**Travel New Mexico**

*Backroads & Byways of New Mexico* Sharon Niederman The Countryman Press

**Young Adult**

*The Planting of Bo-Keden* John Kincheloe Spirit Lines Press

**Young Reader**

*Ellen and the Backyard Fairies* L Phillips Carlson Snowsnake Press

**Cover Design <6x9**

*The Irish Skateboard Club* Brinn Colenda Author Academy Elite

**Cover Design 6x9**

*Stargazer* Anne Hillerman Harper Collins

**Cover Design >6x9**

*Walking Flagstaff* George Breed Soulstice Publishing

**Best Arizona Book**

*Arizona's Scenic Roads and Hikes* Roger Naylor UNM Press

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*Stargazer* Anne Hillerman Harper Collins

**Best of Show**

*Natural Causes* Joseph Badal Suspense Publishing