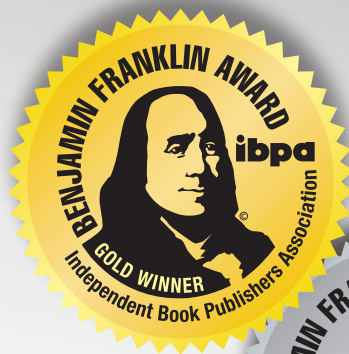


36th Annual

IBPA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AWARDS™



CALL FOR ENTRIES



**IBPA's Annual Book Award Program
Recognizing Publishers for Excellence
in Book Editorial and Design**

You are invited to enter the 36th Annual

IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™

GREETINGS!

The IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™, which include fifty-seven categories recognizing excellence in book editorial and design, are regarded as one of the highest national honors for independent publishers.

The Awards are administered by the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA), with help from over 170 book publishing professionals including librarians, bookstore owners, reviewers, designers, publicity managers, and editors.

WHO MAY ENTER

Publishers of print books or audiobooks with a copyright date of 2023 may enter the competition as listed in the DEADLINES section.

Books submitted with a copyright date of 2022 or earlier will not be considered.

The entry label is located on page 4 of this Call for Entries document.

WHAT IS EXPECTED

Sample judging forms are available at ibpabenjaminfranklinaward.com/judging-process

WHY ENTER

The IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards™ are regarded as one of the highest national honors in independent publishing. The Awards are unique in that the entrants receive direct feedback on their titles. The actual judging forms are returned to all participating publishers.

One Gold and two Silver award winners are determined in each category. The award ceremony will be held in conjunction with the IBPA Publishing University conference (publishinguniversity.org) on April 27, 2024 at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado. During the ceremony, all Gold winners will receive an engraved trophy marking their achievement.

In addition, all Gold & Silver winners will receive:

- Two tickets to the awards ceremony recognizing all of the award winners.
- 15% off IBPA Publishing University 2024 conference tickets.
- A press release template to use when announcing the winning book(s).
- A personalized award certificate.
- Special award stickers to affix to the winning books.
- Recognition prior to the awards ceremony on the IBPA website.
- Archived listing after the awards ceremony on the IBPA website.
- All winners are announced to major trade journals (including *Publishers Weekly*), through all IBPA social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and more.

To assist the judges and to ensure they have enough time to review each book, there are two deadlines: the first on September 30, 2023 and the second on December 15, 2023. Please see below for full deadline details.

Andrea Fleck-Nisbet

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Karen Pavlicin

BOARD CHAIR

DEADLINES

FIRST CALL: SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Primarily for titles published January 1 – August 31, 2023

SECOND CALL: DECEMBER 15, 2023

Primarily for titles published September 1 – December 31, 2023

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Special Note:

Children's Picture Books are only eligible in categories 37, 38, 46, 48, 54, and 57.

Large format books (larger than 9" x 12") are only eligible in categories 2, 6, 7, 8, 24, 25, 29, 35, 45, and 56.

CATEGORIES

1. Animals & Pets
2. Art & Photography
3. Biography & Autobiography
4. Body, Mind, & Spirit
5. Business & Career
6. Coffee Table Book
7. Cookbook
8. Craft, Hobby, Home, & Garden
9. Education
10. Fiction: General
11. Fiction: Historical
12. Fiction: Horror
13. Fiction: Mystery & Thriller
14. Fiction: Romance
15. Fiction: Science Fiction & Fantasy
16. Gift Book
17. Graphic Novel
18. Health & Fitness
19. History
20. Humor
21. Inspirational
22. LGBTQ+
23. Memoir
24. Multicultural
25. Nature & Environment
26. Parenting & Family
27. Poetry
28. Political & Current Events
29. Professional & Technical
30. Psychology
31. Reference
32. Regional
33. Religion
34. Self-Help
35. Sports & Recreation
36. Travel
37. Children's Picture Book (0–3 years)
38. Children's Picture Book (4–7 years)
39. Young Reader: Fiction (8–12 years)
40. Young Reader: Nonfiction (8–12 years)
41. Teen: Fiction (13–18 years)
42. Teen: Nonfiction (13–18 years)

DESIGN AND OTHER CATEGORIES

43. Cover Design: Fiction (9" x 12" or smaller)
44. Cover Design: Nonfiction (9" x 12" or smaller)
45. Cover Design: Large Format (larger than 9" x 12")
46. Cover Design: Children's/Young Adult
47. Interior Design
48. Interior Design: Children's/Young Adult
49. Audiobook: Fiction*
50. Audiobook: Nonfiction*
51. Audiobook: Children's/Young Adult*
52. Best New Voice: Fiction (first book by a new author)
53. Best New Voice: Nonfiction (first book by a new author)
54. Best New Voice: Children's/Young Adult (first book by a new author)

FEATURED AWARDS

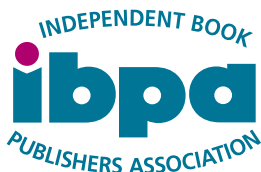
The Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book (initial title from a new publisher)

55. Fiction
56. Nonfiction
57. Children's/Young Adult

* For the audiobooks, please send 3 Audible gift codes to Terry Nathan at terry@ibpa-online.org.

If your book is not available on Audible, please contact Terry Nathan for additional options.

For more information, visit ibpabenjaminfranklinaward.com | [#IBPABens](https://twitter.com/IBPABens)



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ENTRY FEES

IBPA member: \$95 per title, per category

Non-IBPA member: \$229 for first title, which includes a one-year membership in IBPA; \$95 per title, per category for second and subsequent entries.

Make check payable to **IBPA** or bill my

VISA Mastercard AMEX DISCOVER

Amount \$ _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE SECURITY CODE

NAME ON THE CARD (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE

PLEASE CUT HERE

ENTRY LABEL

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED INSIDE THE FRONT COVER OF EACH BOOK YOU SUBMIT, therefore cut it from here and duplicate it as often as necessary. Insert the label inside the front cover of each book submitted (if you enter one book in one category, you must insert this form into each of the four books sent).

FOR AUDIOBOOKS: please send 3 Audible gift codes to Terry Nathan at terry@ibpa-online.org. If your book is not available on Audible, please contact Terry Nathan for additional options.

CATEGORY (NO. AND NAME)

TITLE

CONTACT PERSON

PUBLISHING COMPANY

CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON'S CITY, STATE, ZIP

CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE

CONTACT PERSON'S EMAIL

WEBSITE ADDRESS

PLEASE INDICATE THE BOOK'S TARGET AUDIENCE:

GUIDELINES

WHAT TO SEND (PRINT BOOKS)

Submit four (4) copies of each title for the initial category entered into print book categories. If you are entering the same title in multiple categories, you need to submit three (3) additional books for each additional category entered. **Example:** If you enter the same title in Categories 8 and 56, a total of seven (7) books should be sent with the entry.

Insert the entry label, **at left**, inside the front cover of each print book. Double-check to be sure you have filled in the label completely and have entered the title in the most appropriate category. Children's Picture Books are only eligible in the categories that have "Children's" in the name. Large format books are only eligible in the categories as listed in the CATEGORIES section on the previous page.

If paying by credit card, please place your credit card details in an envelope on top of the entries. Do not include inside each book.

Please note: Books entered into the program will not be returned to you.

HOW TO SEND (PRINT BOOKS)

Ship books and payment for entry fees in the same package via a shipping service, such as UPS or the USPS, to ensure on-time delivery to the IBPA offices. Place the payment for entry fees in an envelope on top of the entries in the package. Please do not include the payment in an envelope on the outside of the package. Please use the package mailing label below to identify your submission.

WHAT & HOW TO SEND (AUDIOBOOKS)

For the **audiobook categories**, please send 3 Audible gift codes to Terry Nathan at terry@ibpa-online.org. If your book is not available on Audible, please contact Terry Nathan for additional options.

Send a check made payable to "IBPA" for the total amount of entry fees or fill out the credit card section on the entry label at left and send it to the IBPA Office.

PACKAGE MAILING LABEL

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