2014 is an amazing year for books for Latinos

By Kirk Whisler

2014 is an amazing year for books for Latinos – and the market’s rapid growth is merely one reflection of how solid the market is. Latinos in the USA will purchase over $500 million in books in both English and Spanish. The bottom line is that books targeting Latinos are a growing segment because of the rapid growth of the market and the current gaps in relevant topics being presented.

The 2014 Finalists for the 16th Annual Int’l Latino Book Awards are another reflection of the growing quality of books by and about Latinos. This year’s number of entries was 41% more than the previous record year. In order to handle this large number of books, the Awards had 123 judges, nearly double the number from 2013. The vast majority of the judges glowed about the quality of the entries. The Awards celebrates books in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Amongst the 231 finalists are well known writers like Isabel Allende, Alma Flor Ada, Edna Iturralde, and Rick Najera. Other honorees include Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and celebrities like TV chef Pati Jinich, the late singer and actress Jenni Rivera, singer Linda Ronstadt and TV personality Lilliana Vasquez. Finalists are from across the USA and from 18 countries outside the USA.

In recognition of the quality and variety of books now available, Latino Literacy Now, the organization that oversees the Awards, is carrying out the 2014 Award Winning Author Tour. Displays of the Finalists books and Award Winning Authors will be presented at events like American Library Association Convention; C Abe, the largest Latino teacher conference in the USA; the Chicago Latino Book & Family Festival; the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books; the NCLR Annual Conference; the San Bernardino Latino Book & Family Festival; and other key events.

The Awards themselves will be held June 28th in Las Vegas as part of the ALA Conference. The Awards are produced by Latino Literacy Now, an organization co-founded by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler, and co-presented by Las Comadres de las Americas and Reforma, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos. Here’s a complete list of the finalists.

A CHILDREN, YOUTH, & YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARDS

Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book – English

Green Is a Chile Pepper, Roseanne Greenfield Thong, Chronicle Books
Round Is a Tortilla, Roseanne Greenfield Thong, Chronicle Books

Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book – Spanish or Bilingual

An Honest Boy, Magdalena Zenaida, Laredo Publishing Company
Los Mariachis, Rita Rosa Ruesga; Illustrator: Euliser Polanco, Scholastic Books
Olinguito Speaks Up, Cecilia Velástegui, M.S.Ed., Libros Publishing

Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – English

Ivan’s Fear, Ariel Andrés Almada; Illustrator: Cha Coco, Cuento de Luz
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale, Duncan Tonatiuh, Abrams Books For Young Readers
The Audacious Little Princesses, Janet Breceda Wright, A. E. Wright, & Nataly Wright, Angeleno Avenue Publishing
The Box of Holes, Carmen Gil; Illustrator: Mónica Carretero, Cuento de Luz

Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

Arturo and the Navidad Birds, Anne Broyles; Illustrator: K. E. Lewis, Pelican Publishing Company
Marisol McDonald and the Clash Bash, Monica Brown, Children’s Book Press
Señor Pancho Had a Rancho, René Colato Lainez, Holiday House, Inc.

Please Note: In those cases where only one finalist is listed in a particular category, that finalist does not necessarily receive a First Place award. First Place in all categories is determined by the total of all the judges’ scores. Some categories may not have a First Place winner.

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Tamalitos, Jorge Argueta, Groundwood Books

**Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Spanish**
- El Gran Libro Sobre Roma, Pau Joan Hernández; Illustrator: Jordi Vila Delsios, Combel Editorial
- El Silbido de Juan, Lili Ferreirós; Illustrator: Sonja Wimmer, Cuento de Luz
- Hoky, El Lobo Solitario, César Blanco; Illustrator: Blanca BKom, Cuento de Luz
- Las Cosas del Aire, Carmen Gil; Illustrator: Turcios, Cuento de Luz
- Mi Abuelo el Luchador, Antonio Ramos Revillas; Illustrator: Rosana Mesa Zamudio, Ediciones El Naranjo

**Best Children’s Nonfiction Picture Book**
- An Honest Boy, Magdalena Zenaida, Laredo Publishing Company
- It’s Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden, George Ancona, Candlewick Press
- The Dog That Became a Lion, Arturo Toledo, Grant and Sophia Viklund

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – English**
- Dorothy: A Different Kind of Friend, Roberto Aliaga & Mar Blanco, Cuento de Luz
- Green Is a Chile Pepper, Roseanne Greenfield Thong, Chronicle Books
- Round Is a Tortilla, Roseanne Greenfield Thong, Chronicle Books

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish or Bilingual**
- Conferencia de los Pájaros, Santiago Gamboa & Lisa Neisa, Click
- Good Night Captain Mama, Graciela Tiscareño-Sato, Gracefully Global Group LLC
- ¡Hola! ¡Gracias! ¡Adiós!, Elsinda Roca & Christina Losantos, Editorial Bambú
- Olinguito Speaks Up, Cecilia Velástegui, M.S.Ed., Libros Publishing

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – English**
- Walking Eagle: The Little Comanche Boy, Ana Eulate; Illustrator: Nivola Uya, Cuento de Luz

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish or Bilingual**
- Conferencia de los Pájaros, Santiago Gamboa & Lisa Neisa, Click
- Daddy, My Favorite Guy, Icy Smith & Crystal Smith, East West Discovery Press
- La Gallina Cocorina, Mar Pavon, Cuento de Luz
- Pink Fire Trucks, Gladys Elizabeth Barbieri, Big Tent Books
- ¡Te lo Regalo!, Gabriela Keselman; Illustrator: Nora Hilb, Cuento de Luz

**Best Youth Latino Focused Chapter Book**
- Neglected By Two Countries: Young Voices of the American Dream, Marie Elena Cortés, WPR Publishing
- The Little King: An Aztec Tale, Victoria López, Victoria López
- Yes! We Are Latinos, Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy, Charlesbridge

**Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – English**
- Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel, Diana López, Little, Brown and Company: Books for Young Readers
- Gaby, Lost And Found, Angela Cervantes, Scholastic Books
- Mountain Dog, Margarita Engle, Macmillan Publishers

**Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – Spanish or Bilingual**
- Diente de León, María Baranda, Ediciones El Naranjo
- El Reyecito: Un Cuento Azteca, Victoria López, Victoria López
- The Missing Chancleta & Other Top-Secret Cases, Alidis Vicente, Piñata Books

**Best Youth Chapter Nonfiction Book**
- Su Nombre Significa Promesa, Adriana Noemí Torres Arreguín, Grupo Editorial Endira México

**Most Inspirational Youth Chapter Book**
- Neglected By Two Countries: Young Voices of the American Dream, Marie Elena Cortés, WPR Publishing

**Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book – English**
- Clay Hills and Mud Pies, Annie Mary Pérez, Floricanto Press
**Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book – Spanish or Bilingual**

Los Pájaros No Tienen Fronteras, Edna Iturralde, Alfaguara Grupo Santillana Ecuador

Noldo and his Magical Scooter at the Battle of The Alamo, Armando B. Rendón, Floricanto Press

**Best Young Adult Fiction Book – English**

A Girl Named Nina, Norma Tamayo, Aperture Press

Santa Muerte, Cynthia Pelayo, Post Mortem Press

The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind, Meg Medina, Candlewick Press

The Lightning Dreamer, Margarita Engle, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass, Meg Medina, Candlewick Press

**Best Young Adult Fiction Book – Spanish or Bilingual**

13 Perros, Fernando Lalana, Editorial Bambu

La Guarida de las Lechuzas, Antonio Ramos Revillas, Ediciones El Naranjo

**Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book**

Fiestas del Agua: Sones y Leyendas de Tixtla, Caterina Camastra & Héctor Vega Deloya, Ediciones El Naranjo

También Fueron Jóvenes, Jordi Sierra i Fabra, Editorial Bambu

**Best Educational Young Adult Book**

I,Legal in the U.S.A., Alejandra Campos, Skye’s The Limit Publishing & Public Relations

Stars of the Savanna, Melanie R. Martel, WPR Publishing

The Lady of the Turquoise Pendant, Lilibeth Andre, Lilibeth Andre Art & Design

**Most Inspirational Young Adult Book**

Salvation, Anne Osterlund, Penguin Group (USA)

Stars of the Savanna, Melanie R. Martel, WPR Publishing

The Wild Book, Margarita Engle, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Best Book Written by a Youth**

Bully in the Mirror, Shanaya Fastje, Changing Lives Press

Cool Kids Cook: Louisiana, Kid Chef Eliana, Pelican Publishing Company

**Best Book Written by a Youth**

Pasaporte de Vida, Analí Camz, Grupo Editorial Endira México

Serendipity: Poems About Love in High School, Alina Gonzalez, WPR Books

**B NonFiction Awards**

**Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book – English**

And Hell Followed With Her: Crossing the Dark Side of the American Border, David Neiwert, Nation Books

Bird of Paradise, Raquel Cepeda, Atria Books

Pepón Osorio, Jennifer A. González, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

Ricardo Valverde, Ramón García, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center


**Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book – Spanish or Bilingual**

Newyorkinos, Jacqueline Donado, Book Press NY

Our Lost Border: Essays on Life Amid the Narco-Violence, Sarah Cortez & Sergio Troncoso, Arte Publico Press

**Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English**


Building Bridges of Understanding - My Personal Quest for Unity and Peace, Lucía De García, Xlibris

Clay Hills and Mud Pies, Annie Mary Pérez, Floricanto Press


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Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish or Bilingual
El Poder de Escuchar: La Guía Esencial en Tu Camino al Éxito, Ismael Cala, Penguin Group (USA)

Best Biography – English
My Beloved World, Sonia Sotomayor, Random House, Vintage Books
My Mother’s Funeral, A Memoir, Adriana Páramo, CavanKerry Press
Red-Inked Retablos, Rigoberto González, University of Arizona Press
Simple Dreams: A Musical Memoir, Linda Ronstadt, Simon & Schuster

Best Biography – Spanish or Bilingual
Cuaderno de Chihuahua, Jeannette L. Clariond, Fondo de Cultura Económica
For All of Us, One Today, Richard Blanco, Beacon Press
Príncipe de Chía: Enfrentamiento de Dos Mundos, Omar Adolfo Arango, Villegas Editores

Best History Book – English
California’s Portuguese Politicians: A Century of Legislative Service, Alvin Ray Graves, Ph.D., Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, Inc
Insurgency: 1968 Aztec Walkout, Victor González, Angeleno Avenue Publishing

Best History Book – Spanish or Bilingual
Decolando Contra El Viento: 100 Años de la Aviación en Colombia, Gustavo Arias De Greiff, Villegas Editores
Dora Maar, Prisonera de la Mirada, Alicia Dujovne Ortiz, Vaso Roto Ediciones

Best Political/Current Affairs Book
Hunting Season, Mirta Ojito, Beacon Press
Midnight in México, Alfredo Corchado, The Penguin Press
The ABCs and Ñ of America’s Cultural Evolution, Jim Estrada, Tate Publishing
U.S. Immigration Reform and Its Global Impact, Erik Camayd-Freixas, Palgrave Macmillan

Best Business Book
Palma de Aceite en Colombia, Martha Luz Ospina Bozzi, Villegas Editores

Best Arts Book
Pepón Osorio, Jennifer A. González, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
Ramón García, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
Santiago Páramo y La Capilla de San José, Gabriel Izquierdo, S. J. & Juan David Giraldo; Photographer: Andrés Mauricio López, Villegas Editores

Best Gift Book
Gringosincrasias: Cómo Sobrevivir En Estados Unidos y Entender Su Idiosincrasia, Emma Sepúlveda Pulvirenti, Catalonia

Best Cookbook
Amalia’s Guatemalan Kitchen, Amalia Moreno-Damgaard, Beaver’s Pond Press
De La Tierra Con Sabor, Erisbelia Garriga, Regent Publishing Services
Pati’s Mexican Table, Pati Jinich, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Best Reference Book
Bogotá 1913-2013: Formas de Hacer Ciudad, Alberto Saldarriaga Roa, Villegas Editores
Desarrollo del Español para Maestros en Programas de Educación Bilingüe, Lidia E. Morris & Luis A. Rosado, LM Educational Consultant
The National Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory, Edward James Olmos, Andres Tobar, WPR Publishing

Best Self-help Book – English
How to Achieve the American Dream Without Losing Your Latin Soul, Don Daniel Ortiz, Author House
Spirited Leadership: 52 Ways To Build Trust, Ellen Castro, Langdon Street Press
The Cheap Chica’s Guide to Style: Secrets to Shopping Cheap and Looking Chic, Lilliana Vasquez, Gotham Books

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Best Self-help Book – Spanish or Bilingual
El Poder de Escuchar: La Guía Esencial en Tu Camino al Éxito, Ismael Cala, Penguin Group (USA)
Tu Guía Interior: El Camino Más Rápido Para Volver A Casa, Diana Jaramillo, Ediciones Oblicuas, Inc.

Best Health Book
La Dieta FastDiet, Dr. Michael Mosley & Mimi Spencer, Atria Books

Best Parenting/Family Book
Life Has Values, Juan Villegas, Willegas Publishing

Best Women’s Issues Book
Mujer Actual, Mujer de Valor, Becky Krinsky, Becky Krinsky
The Book of Latina Women: 150 Vidas de Passion, Strength, and Success, Sylvia Mendoza, Sylvia Mendoza

Best Religious Book
Mi Primera Comunion, Maria Villegas & Jennie Kent; Illustrator: Caterina Arango, Villegas Editores

Best Spiritual/New Age Book
La Segunda Venida De Cristo Vol. III, Paramahansa Yogananda, Self-Realization Fellowship
Mañana Starts Today: Affirmations to Jumpstart Your Heart, Mind and Soul, Sandra Elaine Scott, Vision Your Dreams
Recentas Para Sanar tu Corazón: Principios Simples Para Vivir La Vida, Héctor Williams Zorrilla, Living Mission Ministries, Inc
Tu Guía Interior: El Camino Más Rápido Para Volver A Casa, Diana Jaramillo, Ediciones Oblicuas, Inc.

Best Travel Book
Colombia en Le Tour du Monde, Pablo Navas, Villegas Editores
Serendipity, Gustavo Arango, El Pozo

Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author
Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia, Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs, Yolanda Flores Niemann, Carmen G. González, & Angela P. Harris, Utah State University Press

Rebozos de Palabras, Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs, University of Arizona Press

C Fiction Awards

Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – English
Lotería, A Novel, Mario Alberto Zambrano, HarperCollins Publishers
Maya’s Notebook, Isabel Allende, HarperCollins Publishers
The Yearning Feed, Manuel Paul López, University of Notre Dame Press

Best Latino Focused Fiction Book – Spanish or Bilingual
Crisis, Jorge Majfud, Baile Del Sol Ediciones

Most Inspirational Fiction Book
It's Not Love, It's Just Paris, Patricia Engel, Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Seven for the Revolution, Rudy Ruiz, Milagros Press

Best Popular Fiction – English
Seven for the Revolution, Rudy Ruiz, Milagros Press

Best Popular Fiction – Spanish or Bilingual

Del Otro Lado de las Costas, Pedro Pablo Pérez Santiesteban, Editorial Voces De Hoy
Raíces Latinas, Narradores y Poetas Inmigrantes, Hemil García Linares, Vagon Azul Editores
What the Tide Brings, Xánath Caraza, Mouthfeel Press

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English
Good Money Gone, Richard Kilborn & Mario Acevedo, Tattered Cover Press

In the Talons of the Condor, Gustavo Florentin, Amazon

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish or Bilingual
99 Amaneceres, Ani Palacios Mc Bride, Pukiyari Editores

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Aquella Manía de Quererse en Silencio, Miriam Montes Mock, Divinas Letras

Best Novel - Historical Fiction
Luque 687: Visitas al Ayer, Carmela Escobar, Libros en Red
Mañana Means Heaven, Tim Z. Hernandez, University of Arizona Press
Midnight Rumba, Eduardo Santiago, Cuban Heel Press
Return to the Bones, Belinda Vasquez García, Magic Prose
Souvenirs of the Revolution, A. M. Montes de Oca, The Reworkd Press

Best Novel - Mystery
Desperado: A Mile High Noir, Manuel Ramos, Arte Publico Press
Every Broken Trust, Linda Rodriguez, Minotaur Books; St. Martin’s Press
Te Espero en el Cielo, Blanca Irene Arbeláez, Book Press NY

Best Novel - Fantasy/Sci-Fi
Ghosts of the Black Rose, Land of Enchantment 2, Belinda Vasquez Garcia, Magic Prose
Los Traductores del Viento, Marta López Luaces, Vaso Roto Ediciones

Best Novel - Romance
Just A Kiss, Bonnie S. Mata, Bonnie S. Mata
The Old Man’s Love Story, Rudolfo Anaya, University of Oklahoma Press

Best Poetry Book - One Author – English
A Mirror In My Own Backstage, José Angel Figueroa, Red Sugarcane Press
A Tongue in the Mouth of the Dying, Laurie Ann Guerrero, University of Notre Dame Press
Chopper! Chopper!, Verónica Reyes, Floricanto Press
So Spoke Penelope, Tino Villanueva, Grolier Poetry Press
Sueño, Lorna Dee Cervantes, Wings Press

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Bilingual
Flame in the Air, Bilingual Poetry Edition, Vidaluz Meneses; Translator: María Roof, Casasola Editores
Nefarious, Emanuel Xavier, Rebel Satori Press
Reyes Cárdenas Chicano Poet 1970-2010, Reyes Cárdenas, Aztlan Libre Press

Best Poetry Book - One Author – Spanish
Ecos de Barro, Rossy Evelin Lima, Otras Voces Publishing
Insumisión, Eduardo Moga, Vaso Roto Ediciones

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author
Daddy, My Favorite Guy, Icy Smith & Crystal Smith, East West Discovery Press
Pas de Deux: Relatos y Poemas en Escena, Lizette Espinosa, Pilar Vélez, Shely Llanes Bresó, & Yiya Ortuño, Snow Fountain Press

Best Fiction - Multi-Author
Delta de las Arenas: Cuentos Árabes, Cuentos Judíos, Rose Mary Salum, Literal Publishing

D eBooks & Audio Awards
Best Children’s Picture eBook
Los Muertos Andan en Bici, Christel Guzcka, Ediciones El Naranjo
Remembering a Beautiful Angel, Mary J. Andrade, La Oferta Publishing Co.

Best Young Adult eBook
Day of the Dead in México: Through the Eyes of the Soul, Mary J. Andrade, La Oferta Publishing Co.

Best eBook - Nonfiction
Day of the Dead: A Passion for Life, Mary J. Andrade, La Oferta Publishing Co.
Día de los Muertos: Pasión por la Vida, Mary J. Andrade, La Oferta Publishing Co.
Best eBook - Fiction – English
  Return to the Bones, Belinda Vasquez Garcia, Magic Prose

Best eBook - Fiction – Spanish or Bilingual
  Las Arterias de Don Fernando, Gloria Macher, Carpe Diem Editora

Best Fiction Audio Book
  Return to the Bones, Belinda Vasquez Garcia, Magic Prose

E  PORTUGUESE AWARDS
Best Book - Nonfiction in Portuguese
  Indo Com o Fluxo, Elena Stowell, Boutique of Quality Books Publishing Company
  O Romance com Deus, Paramahansa Yogananda, Self-Realization Fellowship
  Para Ser Vitorioso na Vida, Paramahansa Yogananda, Self-Realization Fellowship

F  DESIGN AWARDS
Best Latino Focused Book Design

Best Cover Design
  Chopper! Chopper!, Verónica Reyes; Designer: Jose Ramirez, Floricanto Press
  Retratos de Sociedad, Mauricio Vélez, Villegas Editores
  Seven for the Revolution, Rudy Ruiz; Designer: Heather Ruiz, Milagros Press

Best Cover Illustration
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: Cielo Pelícano, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: De tal Pluma tal Ave, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: Dos Chiflidos Chiñidos, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC

Best Cover Photo
  More Simple Poems, Carlos F. Tarrac, Unique Artistic Creations Showcase

Best Interior Design
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: Dos Chiflidos Chiñidos, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC
  Santiago Páramo y La Capilla  de San José, Andrés Mauricio López, Villegas Editores

Best Use of Photos Inside the Book
  Colombia de Reojo, Santiago Harker, Villegas Editores
  I, Legal in the U.S.A., Alejandra Campos, Skye’s The Limit Publishing & Public Relations
  The Magic of México, Robert A. Chávez Jr., Fuerza XXI Muzic Publication

Best Use of Illustrations Inside the Book
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: Cielo Pelícano, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC
  El Reino Aviar Cuentos Emplumados: Dos Chiflidos Chiñidos, Karen Chacek; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC

G  TRANSLATION AWARDS
Best Children’s Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English
  Avian Kingdom Feathered Tales: Birds of a Feather, Karen Chacek; Translator: Sonia Verjovsky; Illustrator: Emilio Hernández, TechStudios, LLC
  Avian Kingdom Feathered Tales: Pelican Sky, Karen Chacek; Translator: Sonia Verjovsky, TechStudios, LLC
  Avian Kingdom Feathered Tales: Two Hoots and a Holler, Karen Chacek; Translator: Sonia Verjovsky, TechStudios, LLC
  Dorothy: A Different Kind of Friend, Roberto Aliaga; Illustrator: Mar Blanco, Cuento de Luz

Best Children’s Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish
  El Día Maravilloso de Hacer Tamales que Tuvo Sofía, Albert Monreal Quihuis; Translator: Veronica Lamanes, Albert Monreal Quihuis
  Presiona Aquí, Hervé Tullet; Translator: Peter L. Perez, Chronicle Books

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - English to Spanish
  El Gusano de Tequila, Viola Canales, KingCake Press

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish
  Divinas Comedias, James Merrill, Vaso Roto Ediciones

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The Mariposa Awards

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English
- Maya’s Notebook, Isabel Allende; Translator: Anne McLean, HarperCollins Publishers
- What the Tide Brings, Xánath Caraza; Translators: Sandra Kingery, Stephen Holland-Wempe, & Xánath Caraza, Mouthfeel Press

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish
- Joyas de la Revolución, A. M. Montes de Oca; Translator: Maria de los Angeles Moody, The Reworkd Press

Best First Book - Children & Youth
- An Honest Boy, Magdalena Zenaida, Laredo Publishing Company
- Stars of the Savanna, Melanie R. Martel, WPR Publishing
- The Audacious Little Princesses, Janet Breceda Wright, A. E. Wright, & Nataly Wright, Angeleno Avenue Publishing

Best First Book - Nonfiction
- Amalia’s Guatemalan Kitchen, Amalia Moreno-Damgaard, Beaver’s Pond Press
- Insurgency: 1968 Aztec Walkout, Victor González, Angeleno Avenue Publishing
- Ricardo Valverde, Ramón García, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center
- The ABCs and Ñ of America’s Cultural Evolution, Jim Estrada, Tate Publishing
- Unbreakable, Jenni Rivera, Atria Books

Best First Book - Fiction – English
- Going Down, Chris Campanioni, Aignos Publishing, Inc.
- Pig Behind The Bear, Maria Nieto, Floricanto Press
- Seven for the Revolution, Rudy Ruiz, Milagros Press

Best First Book - Fiction – Spanish or Bilingual
- Aquella Manía de Quererse en Silencio, Miriam Montes Mock, Divinas Letras
- Hombre Cero, Julio César Pérez Méndez, La Pereza Ediciones
- Sentimientos: Un Libro de Poemas, Cinthia M. Kettering, Trafford Publishing

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