The Oregon Book Awards program honors the state’s finest accomplishments by Oregon writers who work in the genres of poetry, fiction, graphic literature, drama, literary nonfiction, and literature for young readers. The finalists for the 2023 Oregon Book Awards will be announced in January 2023, and the winners will be announced at the Oregon Book Awards Ceremony in April 2023. Oregon Book Awards are available for original work published or produced in the following categories.

AWARDED ANNUALLY:

POETRY
Includes chapbooks of more than twenty pages in length.

FICTION
Includes novels and short story collections.

GENERAL NONFICTION
Includes biography, history, sciences, nature writing, landscape writing, and criticism.

CREATIVE NONFICTION
Includes autobiography, memoir, and personal essay.

CHILDREN’S LITERATURE
For younger readers, including picture books and early readers.

MIDDLE GRADE AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE
Includes Middle Grade, Upper Middle Grade, and Young Adult.

AWARDED BIENNIAILY:

DRAMA
Publications must have an original publication date between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2022. Guidelines vary from yearly awards—please see separate guidelines.
SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR THE 2023 OREGON BOOK AWARDS

Work may be submitted by the author, publisher, producer, or any member of the public.

1) Fill out the form online with required information.
2) Submit the application fee at www.literary-arts.org (link provided on online form)
3) After you submit the application fee, please mail three copies of the nominated book to:
   Jessica Meza-Torres
   Oregon Book Awards
   Literary Arts
   925 SW Washington
   Portland, OR 97205

Your application is not complete until you have submitted all three items listed above—the application form, the fee, and three copies of the title to be considered.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Work must be written by an Oregon resident whose legal residence is in Oregon at least six months of the year. A resident who moves away from Oregon permanently after the submission deadline will be disqualified. A qualified resident who dies after submitting their book may receive a posthumous award.
- Self-published titles are eligible.
- An ISBN is required.
- A title can be submitted in one genre only. The author or publisher that submits the book determines which genre to submit in.
- Books must have an original publication date between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022. A reprint of a book published in a previous award year is not eligible. In the case of a collected work, this timeframe applies to the publication as a volume, not of individual pieces.
- Works of translation are ineligible.
- Editors are ineligible.
- Anthologies containing work written by multiple authors are ineligible.
- All books for the genres listed here are judged for their writing, and the award is given to the writer.
- Work authored or published by Literary Arts staff, trustees, or Programs for Writers Advisory Council members, as well as their immediate families, are precluded from consideration for Oregon Book Awards. Literary Arts staff, trustees, and Programs for Writers Advisory Council members are also precluded from serving as Oregon Book Awards or Oregon Literary Fellowship jurors and from receiving Oregon Literary Fellowships. Work authored by former Literary Arts staff, trustees, or Programs for Writers Advisory Council members may be considered, provided that the staff member, trustee, or Programs for Writers Advisory Council member resigned from their position at Literary Arts at least six months before the earliest submission date.
- In the event of a dispute regarding a title’s eligibility, Literary Arts will make the final decision on eligibility.
- Literary Arts reserves the rights to refuse a submission for any reason.