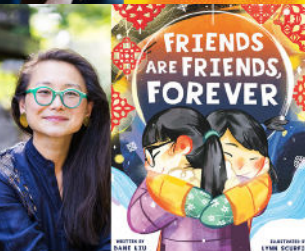
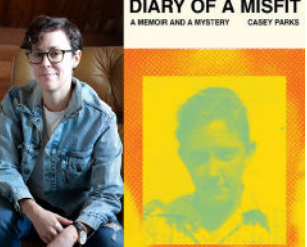
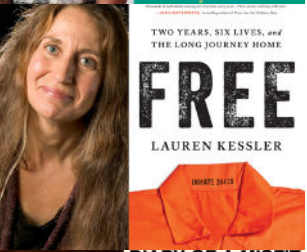
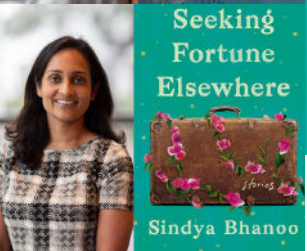


GUIDELINES

2024 OREGON BOOK AWARDS



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 2024 Oregon Book Awards will be announced in January 2024, and the winners will be announced at the Oregon Book Awards Ceremony in April 2024. 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 BIENNIALLY:

GRAPHIC LITERATURE

The award for Graphic Literature is biennial and will be awarded in 2024. Please read separate guidelines for Graphic Literature.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
AT 5:00 P.M. PACIFIC

ELIGIBLE PUBLICATION DATES:

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022–
AUGUST 31, 2023

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED:

JANUARY 2024

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE OREGON BOOK AWARDS CEREMONY:

APRIL 2024

SELECTION PROCESS:

Out-of-state judges, three in each genre, will be instructed to choose up to five finalists in each category, including a winner, using literary merit as the sole selection criterion. Literary Arts does not prescreen entries except to determine eligibility.

SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR THE 2024 OREGON BOOK AWARDS

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

Application includes: online form, submission fee, and three copies of the nominated book.

- 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. Please note: books are not returned to authors at the end of the judging process.

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, 2022 and August 31, 2023. 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.



Oregon Book Awards finalists and guests at the 2023 Oregon Book Awards Ceremony