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OREGON BOOK AWARDS 2026 Graphic Literature Award

The Oregon Book Award in Graphic Literature honors outstanding graphic literature by Oregon's cartoonists and graphic novelists. A panel of three out-of-state judges determine the winner and finalists.

The finalists for the 2026 Oregon Book Awards will be announced in January 2026, and the winners will be announced at the Oregon Book Awards Ceremony in April 2026.

Please read the following guidelines carefully.

Submission Process for the 2026 Graphic Literature Award:

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 \$55 application fee at www.literary-arts.org (link provided on online form)
- 3) After you submit the application fee, please mail 3 copies of the nominated book to:

Alexa Winik
Oregon Book Awards
Literary Arts
716 SE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97214

Your application is not complete until you have submitted all everything listed above. Submission Deadline is September 5, 2025.

Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible entries are printed and bound comics and graphic literature. An ISBN is required.

- Either the primary writer or primary artist must be 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 publication may receive a posthumous award.
- Publications must have an original publication date between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2025. In the case of a collected work, this timeframe applies to the publication date of the entire volume. A reprint of a book previously published as a volume before September 1, 2023 is not eligible.
- The award is for the primary artist and /or the primary writer; editors are not eligible. If both the primary artist and primary writer are Oregonians, they will share the award.
- Anthologies containing multiple works created by multiple authors and multiple artists are not eligible.
- Works that are essentially wordless (text on less than 20% of the pages in a work) are only eligible if the primary artist is an Oregonian.
- The award is not given for translation; if the text is a translation by an Oregonian and the primary artist is not an Oregonian, the work is not eligible.
- The award is not given to a writer for adaptation of work previously published by other authors (such as graphic adaptations of classic literature). If the text is an adaptation by an Oregonian and the primary artist is not an Oregonian, the work is not eligible.
- A title that is submitted for the Graphic Literature award is not eligible for submission in any other genre for the Oregon Book Awards. Work that has been previously submitted to the Oregon Book Awards is not eligible.
- 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 members 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.