

INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS

2023 Application Form



EARLY BIRD DEADLINE
January 15, 2023

FINAL DEADLINE
April 15, 2023



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE OF BOOKS WRITTEN IN
ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND PORTUGUESE
www.LatinoBookAwards.org

GUIDELINES

QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ All books must be published prior to the deadline and carry a publication date of either **2021, 2022 or 2023**
- ✓ Books written in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or a Bilingual format must be written by a Latino author OR have a Latino theme.

WHAT TO SEND

Complete entries include the following:

- ❑ **Entry Forms:** This contains your contact information and total number of entries for each book entered.
- ❑ **Books.** 5 printed copies per entry. If you are entering multiple categories with the same book, we need FIVE book copies for the first entry & THREE copies per every additional category entry. *This year only physical books will be accepted, except for eBook category and audiobooks.*
- ❑ **Entry fees.** The cost is \$65 per entry before January 15, 2023. \$90 dollars after this date. The easiest way to pay is online; alternately, you can pay by check. Once everything is received, our team will send you a confirmation email and a receipt.

***USPS MEDIA MAIL*:** Send us your books at a lower rate using USPS Media Mail when mailing within the U.S.

LANGUAGE

Bilingual books in all categories must be in English and Spanish. A book where 90% or more of the words are in English and the rest of the words are in Spanish is an English-language book and vice versa.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Previous award-winning books can reapply under a different category, with a translated book, or if the book underwent significant changes.
- When a high number of book entries are received in a category, the category divides into English, Spanish & Bilingual books. For most categories, aside from Children's Picture books and Poetry, Bilingual books will be grouped with the Spanish language.
- If a low number of book entries is received for related categories, then the category might be combined into one general category. We reserve the right to move your book to a different category when appropriate.
- An additional \$20-dollar fee applies for the international mailing of your award or other items.

EBOOKS(D): For ebooks, submit an .EPUB or .MOBI file format or submit THREE gift codes to access the ebook online. No printed copies required.

AUDIO BOOKS(D): For audiobooks, submit an MP3, AAX, AEFF, WAV audio file or submit THREE gift codes to access the audiobook online. No printed copies required.

TRANSLATION(G) For all translation categories, **BOTH the English and Spanish versions of the book ARE REQUIRED** for comparison. Send 5 books in each language. If you are entering multiple categories with the same book, we need FIVE book copies for the first entry & THREE copies per every additional category entry. Bilingual books can be included in the Translation category.

POETRY (J) Audio MUST be submitted as an audio file, such as MP3, AAX, AEFF, WAV; or send a link to access the audio.

Video MUST be submitted as an MP4 or send a link to access the video.

PORTUGUESE (E): Portuguese books must be entirely or partially in Portuguese. Books in Portuguese may only enter Portuguese(E), Design(F) and Marketing(K) categories.

RISING STARS AWARDS

The Rising Star is an Award to empower and boost the writing career of uniquely talented authors.

During the Int'l Latino Book Awards Ceremony, four Rising Star Awards are announced. They include the Children's Rising Star, NonFiction Rising Star, Fiction Rising Star, and Poetry Rising Star.

Winners will receive a \$3,500 package, including:

- A check for \$1,000
- An article in Latino media outlets focusing on the four Rising Stars.
- A special award.
- The Rising Stars will be featured as the next generation of must-read authors.

Criterion to be a Rising Star: All Gold-medal winning authors will be eligible for The Rising Stars Awards.

AWARDS TIMELINE

1. All entries **must be paid or post marked by your carrier by April 15, 2023.**
2. **Award Winning Authors** will be announced in **late July 2023**. All Award Winning Authors are medal recipients of Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal that will be announced during the ceremony.
3. The **International Latino Book Awards Ceremony** will take place at Los Angeles City College, CA. *The exact date has not been confirmed.*
4. Current and past Award Winning Authors will be informed of events like the American Library Association, CABA, UnidosUS, a variety of Latino events around the USA, and the Latino Book & Family Festivals, as well as virtual webinars.

BOOKS FROM ALL PUBLISHERS ARE WELCOME

We welcome all books that qualify for the Awards whether these come from large publishers or are self-published. About one-third of our entries come from major publishers. Others come from medium-sized and small publishers or are self-published titles.



USPS MEDIA MAIL: Send us your books at a lower rate using USPS Media Mail service.

ENTRY CATEGORIES & SECTIONS

NOTE: Each subcategory counts as one entry. This year only physical books will be accepted, except for the eBook category and audiobooks. Review the Guidelines page for more information.

A1. CHILDREN BOOK AWARDS

- A1.1. The Alma Flor Ada Best Latino Focused Children's Picture Book
- A1.2. Best Children's Fiction Picture Book
- A1.3. Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book
- A1.4. Best Educational Children's Picture Book
- A1.5. Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book

A2. YOUTH CHAPTER BOOK AWARDS

Youth Chapter books are primarily aimed at 6-11 year olds.

- A2.6. Best Latino Focused Chapter Book
- A2.7. Best Chapter Fiction Book
- A2.8. Best Chapter Nonfiction Book
- A2.9. Best Educational Chapter Book
- A2.10. Most Inspirational Chapter Book

A3. YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARDS

Young Adult books are aimed at 12-17 year olds.

- A3.12. Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book
- A3.13. Best Young Adult Fiction Book
- A3.14. Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book
- A3.15. Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure
- A3.16. Best Young Adult Romance Book
- A3.17. Best Educational Young Adult Book
- A3.18. Most Inspirational Young Adult Book
- A3.19. The Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth (Author must be under 18 years old at publication date. One author only. May be a children's, fiction, or nonfiction book)

B. NONFICTION AWARDS

- B1. The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book
- B2. Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book
- B3. Best Biography
- B4. Best Autobiography
- B5. The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book
- B6. The Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book
- B7. Best History Book
- B8. Best Business Book (includes Career)
- B9. Best Arts Book (includes Art, Music or Photography)
- B10. Best Gift Book
- B11. Best Cookbook
- B12. Best Reference Book (includes Dictionaries and Directories)
- B13. Best Self Transformation Book
- B14. Best Health & Wellness Book
- B15. Best Parenting/Family Book
- B16. Best Women's Issues Book
- B17. Best Religious Book
- B18. Best Spiritual/New Age Book
- B19. Best Travel Book
- B20. Best Sports/Recreation Book

C. FICTION AWARDS

- C1. The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book
- C2. The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book
- C3. Best Popular Fiction
- C4. Best Novel - Adventure or Drama
- C5. Best Novel - Historical Fiction
- C6. Best Novel - Mystery
- C7. Best Novel - Fantasy
- C8. Best Novel - Science-Fiction
- C9. Best Novel - Romance
- C10. Best Graphic Novel
- C11. Best Collection of Short Stories

D. EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOK AWARDS

- D1. Best eBook
For ebooks, submit an .ePUB or .MOBI file format or submit THREE gift codes to access the ebook online. No printed copies required.
- D2. Best Audiobook
For audiobooks, submit MP3, AAX, AEF, WAV audio file or submit THREE gift codes to access the audiobook online. No printed copies required.

E. PORTUGUESE AWARDS

Only book written in Portuguese.

- E1. Best Children's Picture Book
- E2. Best Young Adult Book
- E3. Best Book - Nonfiction
- E4. Best Book - Fiction

F. DESIGN AWARDS

In this category, entries are open only to works by Latino designers, artists or photographers. Printed copies ARE REQUIRED for design categories.

- F1. Best Cover Design
- F2. Best Cover Illustration or Photo
- F3. Best Interior Design
- F4. Best Use of Photos or Illustrations Inside the Book

G. TRANSLATION AWARDS

For all translation categories, BOTH the English and Spanish version of the book ARE REQUIRED.

- G1. Best Children's Picture Book Translation – Spanish to English
- G2. Best Children's Picture Book Translation – English to Spanish
- G3. Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation – Spanish to English
- G4. Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation – English to Spanish
- G5. Best Nonfiction Book Translation – Spanish to English
- G6. Best Nonfiction Book Translation – English to Spanish

G7. Best Fiction Book Translation – Spanish to English

G8. Best Fiction Book Translation – English to Spanish

H. THE MARIPOSA AWARDS

Given to writers who have achieved excellence with their first book. *Entries are only open to Latino writers.*

- H1. Best First Book – Children & Youth
- H2. Best First Book – Nonfiction
- H3. Best First Book – Fiction

I. BEST THEMED BOOK AWARDS

- I1. The Dolores Huerta Best Community Service Themed Book
- I2. The Hank Lacayo Best Labor Themed Book
- I3. Best LGBTQ Themed Book
- I4. The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Educational Themed Book (K-12)
- I5. Best Academic Themed Book (College)
- I6. Best Culturally Themed Academic Book
- I7. Best Book About Military Service
- I8. Best Latina Themed Book
- I9. Best Play or Collection of Plays

J. POETRY AWARDS

- J1. Best Children's & Youth Poetry Book
- J2. The Juan Felipe Herrera Best Poetry Book – One author
- J3. Best Poetry Book – Multi-Author
- J4. Best Poetry Anthology Book
- J5. Best Audio Presentation of One or More Poems.
Audio MUST be submitted as an audio file, such as MP3, AAX, AEF, WAV, or send a link to access the audio.
- J6. Best Video Presentation of One or More Poems.
Video MUST be submitted as an MP4, or send a link to access the video.

K. MARKETING AWARDS

No printed books are required for this category.

- K1. Best Author Video Promoting a Book. *Include a link or send video in MP4 format.*
- K2. Best Website Promoting a Book. *Include your website link.*



Send your entry forms to:

Empowering Latino Futures

Attn: ILBA 2023

624 Hillcrest Ln.

Fallbrook, CA 92028 USA

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2023

• ENTRY FORM: PART ONE - TOTAL ENTRIES & PUBLISHER •

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MAIN CONTACT FOR ENTRIES

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

This application is being submitted by: ___ Author ___ Press Contact ___ Other: _____

___ Publisher(name): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip code: _____

ENTRY FEE FOR TOTAL DUE

Fee per entry:

Before **January 15, 2023**, the early bird cost is **\$65 per entry**. After this date, the regular cost is **\$90 per entry**.

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Pub Code: _____

Indv Code: _____

of Books: _____

Circle: Print / PDF / Audio

Payment: _____

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Total entries with ISLA member discount: _____ Proceed to payment method.

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Total Entries: _____

Total owed. Multiply the number of entries by the fee per entry (ie: 3 entries times \$90 equals \$270).

Amount Due: \$ _____

Payment method: Check. Make checks payable to "Empowering Latino Futures"

Charge credit card (MC, Visa, Discover, Amex only)

Online at www.LatinoBookAwards.org

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ ZIP code of this credit card: _____

Signature: _____ Card Verification Value CVV*: _____

**CVV: The 3-digit number on the back of your Master Card and Visa Card, or the 4-digit number on the front of your American Express card.*

Fill in Individual Book Forms. Fill in one Individual Book Form for each book being entered.

Mail this form, checks, the Individual Book Forms, and the copies of each title to:

Empowering Latino Futures

Attn: ILBA Awards

624 Hillcrest Lane

Fallbrook, CA 92028

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NOTE: Entries not properly labeled will delay processing time. Each subcategory counts as one entry. For more details, review the guidelines page.

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• INDIVIDUAL BOOK FORM •

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Publisher: _____

Book Title: _____

Author(s): _____

Author's email: _____ Phone: _____

Designer/Artist/Photographer (Group F) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Translator (only for Group G) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Category (ie. B12) _____ Section Name _____

List additional subcategories for the same book. Each category counts as one entry:

Category (ie. B12) _____ Section Name _____

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Language of the book see page 4 for definition English Spanish Bilingual (English & Spanish) Portuguese Year Published: _____

FOR MARKETING PURPOSES Country of origin of the Author (include country of birth AND your ancestry) _____

Major city nearest to where the Author lives _____

Send your 5 books and 3 books for each additional category section. *This year only physical books will be accepted, except for eBook category and audiobooks.*

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Designer/Artist/Photographer (Group F) _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Translator (only for Group G) _____

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Category (ie. B12) _____ Section Name _____

Same book in more than one category. Each category counts as one entry. List additional:

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EMPOWERING LATINO FUTURES PRESENTS THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF LATINO AUTHORS

A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION

In 1980, fewer than 500 books with a Latino author were published in the USA. This year, Latinos will publish 25,000 to 30,000 books. We feel strongly that, after decades of being on the fringe of mainstream publishing, books *by* and *about* Latinos should finally get the attention they deserve. Empowering Latino Futures is adding an important new program to its offerings—the **International Society of Latino Authors (ISLA)**—for us to work together and present a united front. Learn more at www.ISLA.news

SIX REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER

- Promote reading among Latinos.** Latinos are the largest segment of youth in many key markets in the USA. They ARE readers and buyers!
- Help Authors Advance.** The ISLA webinars provide helpful information in areas such as marketing and editing.
- Lobby for more Recognition.** We can encourage recognition within the publishing industry for Latino authors and books by and about Latinos.
- Increase Sales.** The awards bring visibility for the authors and their books. Latinos in the USA spend hundreds of millions for books a year. We need to see an increasing percentage of these purchases going to books by and about Latinos.
- Improve Distribution.** We need to work together to increase distribution to libraries, bookstores, schools, and consumers.
- Have a United Voice.** We must work together to grow our industry segments.

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AUTHOR MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime membership in the society is open to published and unpublished Latino authors or anyone else writing about the Latino experience .

Basic Author Lifetime Membership

A LIFETIME membership is \$150. Benefits Include:

- ✓ One free entry in the ILBA for every 2 paid ones in the same year from the same author.
- ✓ Access to ISLA webinar. Recorded for those that can't attend.
- ✓ One-year membership with the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA). Valued at \$139.
- ✓ Video of author on ISLA website. (Video provided by author). www.ISLA.news

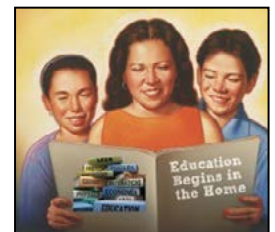
PUBLISHER MEMBERSHIPS

All publishers who support Latino literacy—nationally or internationally—are invited to become members of ISLA and participate in the International Latino Book Awards.

Basic Publisher Annual Membership

An annual fee of \$500. Benefits Include:

- ✓ One free entry in the ILBA for every 4 paid entries in the same year for any books by the publisher.
- ✓ One complimentary ticket each year to the International Latino Book Awards (ILBA) Ceremony.



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Company _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

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Phone _____

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What category of Membership do you want?

→ **For Authors**, Lifetime Membership (*you only pay once*)

_____ Basic Author Membership \$150

_____ Gold Author Membership \$1,500

→ **For Publishers**, Annual Fee

_____ Basic Publisher Membership, \$500

_____ Gold Publisher Membership, \$1,500

→ **For Service Providers**, Annual Fee

_____ Service Provider Membership, \$500

PAYMENT

ONLINE: www.LatinoBookAwards.org

CHECKS: Make checks payable to **ISLA**

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Name _____

Number _____

Expires _____ CV code _____

Credit card ZIP code: _____

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- * **Las Comadres & Friends National Latino Book Club** has offers monthly book selections by Latino authors in all genres
- * Since 2006, the Author Teleconference Series has promoted Latino authors with readers, bookstores and live author interviews.
- * **Las Comadres & Friends Book Clubs** are active in 18 cities in 11 states. www.latinolit.com
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- To promote the development of library collections to include Spanish-language & Latino oriented materials
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- To establish a national information and support network among individuals who share our goals
- To educate the U.S. Latino population about the availability and types of library services they can access
- To lobby for preservation and expansion of library resource centers serving the interests of Latinos

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Must Attend Events

We have seen a steady growth in the overall awareness of the International Latino Book Awards. We seek to represent and promote books by and about Latinos and to make the Latino Book Awards the largest cultural awards in the USA. Wherever possible, we will work to get admission to these key events for authors who are finalists and from past AWAs. By sharing exhibitor costs, authors not only sell and display their books but also enjoy the event and engage with the audience that attends the top Latino conferences and major book events. Feria Int'l del Libro de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, is a highly recommended event.

Events in which we have participated in the past include: American Library Association Annual Conference, California Association for Bilingual Education Convention; La Cosecha Dual Language Conference in New Mexico; Latino Book & Family Festivals in Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino, CA; Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, USC, Los Angeles, CA; LULAC National Conference; UnidosUS Convention. Other events include The Book Fair in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico and a highly recommended Feria Int'l del Libro de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Contact Information

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