



2019

# MIDWEST BOOK AWARDS

For books published in 2018

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Early-bird: Oct. 31;

Final: Dec. 31, 2018

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Presented by the Midwest Independent Publishing Association (MIPA)**

Publishers based in the Midwest are invited to enter the Midwest Book Awards competition for excellence in books published in 2018. The Midwest Book Awards recognize **creativity** in content and execution, **overall book quality**, and the book's **unique contribution** to its subject area. For a complete set of [rules](#), visit [www.mipa.org](http://www.mipa.org).

**New this year is an Early-Bird Deadline. Save money by entering by October 31.**

**Winning a Midwest Book Award is one of your best marketing tools. Send your entries in today!**

### AWARDS & BENEFITS

- Three (3) finalists will be selected in each category. From those, one (1) winner is chosen. Finalists and award winners receive certificates and two (2) tickets to the Midwest Book Awards gala.
- Finalists and winners may purchase foil seals for use in marketing efforts and will be featured in the Midwest Book Awards Gala Program, in MIPA press releases, and on the MIPA website.
- Each entry will be judged by three independent judges. **The judges' evaluation scores and comments will be provided to all entrants after the awards are announced.**

### WHO MAY ENTER

- **Books must be PUBLISHED in the twelve-state Midwest region:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Publishers or authors may submit the entry.
- All entries **MUST** carry a 2018 copyright and an ISBN. If an entry has a 2019 copyright date, documentation must be provided showing that the book was released in 2018. There are no exceptions.
- All entries must have a copyright page that includes publisher's name and address, copyright notice, and ISBN.
- New editions (including the new ISBN) of previously published books are eligible. Reprints do not qualify.
- Only print books may be entered. No ebook or app submissions will be accepted.

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### AWARD CATEGORIES

Publisher may select one or more categories in which to enter each book. Descriptions of the categories are on the [MIPA website](#).

#### Subject Categories

- Animals/Pets
- Arts/Photography/Coffee-Table Books
- Autobiography/Memoir
- Biography
- Business
- Children's Fiction
- Children's Nonfiction
- Children's Picture Books
- Young Adult Fiction
- Young Adult Nonfiction
- Cookbooks/Crafts/Hobbies
- Education/Learning
- Family/Parenting
- Fiction – Fantasy/SciFi/Horror/Paranormal
- Fiction – Literary/Contemporary/Historical
- Fiction – Mystery/Thriller
- Fiction – Romance
- Fiction – Short Story/Anthology
- Health
- History – General
- History – Regional
- Humor
- Inspiration
- Nature
- Poetry
- Recreation/Sports/Travel
- Religion/Philosophy/Spirituality
- Social Science/Political Science/Culture

#### Design Categories

- Cover Design
- Interior Design
- Illustration – Graphic
- Total Book Design

**For more information, visit [www.mipa.org](http://www.mipa.org) or contact Verlene Birger, [bookawards@mipa.org](mailto:bookawards@mipa.org)**

## ENTRY FEES

### Early-bird entries must be postmarked by October 31, 2018:

**MIPA member:** \$79 per title (includes first category); \$35 for each additional category

**Non-MIPA member:** \$149 per title (includes first category); \$35 for each additional category

### After October 31 (entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2018):

**MIPA member:** \$99 per title (includes first category); \$35 for each additional category

**Non-MIPA member:** \$169 per title (includes first category); \$45 for each additional category

Check the appropriate boxes:

Current member    Non-member    New or renewing member (include \$60 membership fee with your entry)

Check: payable to MIPA    PayPal: To pay by credit card, go to [www.mipa.org](http://www.mipa.org)

**Total amount submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** By entering this competition, you are verifying that you have read the [rules](http://www.mipa.org) at [www.mipa.org](http://www.mipa.org) and that you agree to abide by them.

## ENTRY FORM

**BOOK INFORMATION** (Please print. All information must be provided for your entry to be accepted.)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

ISBN (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Design Categories Only – Designer/Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Categories: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION** (Please print. All information must be provided for your entry to be accepted.)

Submitted by (name and title): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day/evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT TO SEND

- **Books:** Send four (4) copies of **each** title (one for each of the three judges and one for display) for the first category in which the title is entered. If the same title is entered in additional categories, send **three (3) more** copies (for the three judges) for EACH additional category. No books or entries will be returned.
- **Entry Form:** Send a copy of the completed entry form for each title. Entry forms may be photocopied or may be printed from the [MIPA website](http://www.mipa.org). Please do not use staples, tape, or glue.
- **Fees:** Entry fees must accompany your submission. **Include your check or a copy of your PayPal receipt with your entry.** Entry fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to MIPA.

## WHERE TO SEND

**Entries (books, entry form, and entry fee) must be postmarked by October 31, 2018, for Early-Bird Entries or December 31, 2018, for final entries.** You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submissions. **Ship books, entry form, and entry fee (check or copy of PayPal receipt) in the same package to:**

Midwest Book Awards  
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Tea, South Dakota 57064  
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