



30TH ANNUAL

MIDWEST BOOK AWARDS

Presented by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Publishers of any size based in the Midwest are invited to enter the Midwest Book Awards competition for excellence in books published in 2019. The 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/midwest-book-awards/. Send your entries in today!

AWARDS & BENEFITS

- Up to three (3) finalists are selected in each category. Finalists receive certificates and two (2) tickets to the Midwest Book Awards Gala.
- From the finalists, one (1) winner is chosen. Each winning entry also receives a bronze medallion.
- Both 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. Judges' individual book evaluation sheets will be provided to all entrants after the awards are announced.
- Awards will be presented at the Midwest Book Awards Gala held in 2020 in Minneapolis, MN.

WHO MAY ENTER

- All entries **MUST** carry a 2019 copyright and publication date. There are no exceptions.
- All entries must have a copyright page that includes publisher's name and address, copyright notice, and ISBN.
- New editions (which are issued a new ISBN in 2019) of previously published books are eligible, but reprints do not qualify.
- Entries must be published by publishers located in the 12-state region: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.
- Only print books may be entered. No eBook or app submissions will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES

Early Bird Prices: (entries must be postmarked before October 31, 2019):

- MIPA member: \$79 per title (includes first category), \$35 for each additional category (maximum of 3 categories)
- Non-MIPA member: \$149 per title (includes first category), \$35 for each additional category (maximum of 3 categories)

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DEADLINE

Shipment containing books, entry form, and entry fee must be postmarked by December 31, 2019.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Book may be entered in one, two, or up to three categories. Descriptions of the categories can be found on the MIPA website.

Subject Categories

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

Design Categories

Cover Design
Interior Design
Illustration—Graphic
Total Book Design

ENTRY FEES (continued)

After October 31: (entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2019):

- MIPA member: \$99 per title (includes first category), \$35 for each additional category (maximum of 3 categories)
- Non-MIPA member: \$169 per title (includes first category), \$45 for each additional category (maximum of 3 categories)

NOTE: By entering this competition, you are verifying that you have read the rules at 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(s): _____

Publisher: _____ ISBN (required): _____

Copyright date: _____

Categories (maximum of 3): _____

Creative Team/Roles (Optional; but Designer/Illustrator required for Design Categories): _____

Cover image: Send a jpeg image of your cover, maximum 1200 px high, to bookawards@mipa.org. Your file should be named in the format AuthorLastName_BookTitle.jpg.

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: _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

- Current Member
- Non-member
- New or Renewing Member (please add \$60 membership fee with your entry)
- Check—make payable to MIPA
- PayPal—to pay by credit card, go to www.mipa.org and follow PayPal instructions

Total amount enclosed: _____

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. Please do not use staples, tape, or glue.
- **Cover Image:** 1200 px jpeg file for each title to bookawards@mipa.org. Follow the naming convention above.
- **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

Shipment with books, entry form, and proof of payment (or check) must be postmarked by December 31, 2019.

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, Attn: Jennifer Baum
29488 Woodward, Suite 426
Royal Oak, MI 48073**