

Northern California Book Award Winners

The 26th annual Northern California Book Award winners were announced on April 15. The winners (in bold face) and finalists are listed below.

The event's sponsors include the Northern California Book Reviewers, Poetry Flash, the Northern California Independent Booksellers Association, The Center for the Art of Translation, Mechanics' Institute, PEN West, and the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

FICTION

Buffalo Boy and Geronimo, James Janko, Curbstone Press.

Samba Dreamers, Kathleen de Azevedo, University of Arizona Press.

Miss Kansas City, Joan Frank, Univ. of Michigan Press.

What is the What, Dave Eggers, McSweeney's.

The Beheading Game, Brenda Webster, Wings Press.

NONFICTION

Art of Engagement: Visual Politics in California and Beyond, Peter Selz, Univ. of California Press/San Jose Museum of Art.

The Heartless Stone: A Journey Through the World of Diamonds, Deceit, and Desire, Tom Zoellner, St. Martin's.

Follies of the Wise: Dissenting Essays, Frederick Crews, Shoemaker & Hoard.

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals, Michael Pollan, The Penguin Press.

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East, Sandy Toland Bloomsbury USA.

TRANSLATION

Sweetbitter Love: Poems of Sappho, translated by Willis Barnstone, Shambhala Publications.

Co-Winner: Flowers of a Moment, Ko Un, translated by Brother Anthony, Young-Moo Kim, and Gary Gach, BOA Editions.

Paradise Travel, Jorge Franco, translated by Katherine Silver, Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

Letter to My Mother, Edith Bruck, translated by Brenda Webster with Gabriella Romani, Modern Language Association of America.

Co-Winner: The Three Way Tavern, Ko Un, translated by Clare You and Richard Silberg, University of California Press.

POETRY

The Totality for Kids, Joshua Clover, University of California Press.

After, Jane Hirshfield, HarperCollins.

Angle of Yaw, Ben Lerner, Copper Canyon Press.

Splay Anthem, Nathaniel Mackey, New Directions.

Deconstruction of the Blues, Richard Silberg, Red Hen Press.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang, First Second.

Probably the World's Best Story About a Dog and the Girl Who Loved Me, D. James Smith, Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books.

The Green Glass Sea, Ellen Klages, Viking Juvenile.

King Dork, Frank Portman, Delacorte Books for Young Readers.

Roar of a Snore, Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Pierre Pratt, Dial.

SPECIAL AWARD IN PUBLISHING

Veterans of War, Veterans of Peace,

edited by Maxine Hong Kingston, Koa Books.

FRED CODY AWARD

Printer and Publisher, Andrew Hoyem of Arion Press.

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