



2019 NCPA Book Awards Competition *(for books published in 2018)*

Submission Criteria

- Books must have been published for sale in the 2018 calendar year, that is, between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018.
- New, updated editions are acceptable as long as the update was published in 2018.
- To be considered “published,” copies of the book in its published form (not merely as galley or advanced reader copies) must have been on hand and available for sale to retail consumers on or before December 31, 2018, and not have been for sale earlier than January 1, 2018.
- If the copyright year or Library of Congress year (if present) is not 2018, the entrant must supply supporting evidence that the book was “constructively” published in 2018.
- Book must be in printed form, unless entered solely as an e-book.
- Submissions are due no later than Friday, February 15, 2019. Please submit as early as possible, so judges have time to read all entries.

Categories

Books will be accepted in the following categories:

- General Fiction
- General Non-Fiction
- Non-Fiction Memoir
- Children’s
- Young Adult
- Poetry
- Trade Publications
- e-Book

Rules, Regulations, and Fee Schedule

- The window period of acceptance of entries is July 1, 2018, to February 15, 2019.
- Entries may be made by an author or by the publisher of the book.
- Complete the online entry form, found on the NCPA website at www.NorCalPA.org. Use the check boxes on the form to indicate categories in which you wish to have your book considered

and complete all the necessary fields. Please note that if the judges feel that you've chosen the wrong category, they will move your book to the category they feel is proper.

- You have the option of submitting forms and payments online or printing out the form and sending it with your books and entry fee to the address below.
- Make payments on line using a credit card or a PayPal account. Alternatively, submit a check along with your books.
- You may enter as many books as you choose, but each book must be entered in only one general category. A separate fee must be submitted with each title.
- Four copies of each book must be submitted, unless it was submitted solely as an e-book.
- Books submitted solely as e-books must be submitted in mobi and epub formats.
- All books entered will be considered for Design awards, which will be awarded to the publisher. The artist or designer need not be a member of NCPA.
- Please follow instructions on the entry form. Your entry may be disqualified and money forfeited if information is missing or incorrect.
- A separate entry form is required for each title submitted.
- Entries must be received by **February 15, 2019**. One copy of each book is non-returnable. Three copies will be available for sale at the Awards Banquet, with unsold copies returned to the author.
- Entry fees for NCPA members are \$65.00 per book, \$30 of which covers one dinner at the Awards Banquet
- Entry fees for non-members are \$95.00 per book, \$30 of which covers one dinner at the Awards Banquet

Please send your books -- and, if applicable, fees and forms -- to the following address:

Sharon Darrow
NCPA Book Awards Coordinator
P.O. Box 214673
Sacramento, CA 95821

Other Rules & Information

1. The "publisher" is defined as the person or company who owns the ISBN.
2. An author may enter his or her own book.
3. Judges are drawn from NCPA's membership, the community, publishing professionals, and the media.
4. No judge may submit works for consideration.

Judging Criteria

1. Categories not having any entries will not be part of the year's awards.
2. Winners are determined at the sole discretion of the judges, based on NCPA policy, publishing merit, and literary merit.

Awards

1. First, second, and third place awards may be awarded in each general book category.
2. The judges may award "honorable mention" certificates at their discretion.

Winners

1. Winners will be announced at the awards celebration and annual NCPA banquet, scheduled for April 14, 2019.
2. Winners will be announced in general press releases sent to Northern California media.
3. Winners will each receive a plaque/trophy.
4. Winners will receive labels that they may use on their book covers. They will also receive, via email, a copy of the label artwork to incorporate into their book-covers, should they wish to do so.
5. Winners may use supplied label art to use in their marketing/promotional materials. Past winners have successfully used their NCPA awards to obtain media interest and increase sales.
6. Winners will be featured on the NCPA website.