

# PubWest Announces the Opening of the 2021 Book Design Awards



**July 28, 2021, Portland, OR.** – PubWest, the leading trade association of small- and medium-sized book publishers, has announced the opening of the 2021 PubWest Book Design Awards competition.

PubWest Book Design Awards were developed to recognize superior design and outstanding production quality of books throughout North America. As we celebrate our 37th annual awards, PubWest invites *you* to submit your 2021 titles.

## Entry Eligibility

- Open to all publishers in North America, along with the designers, typographers, and printers supporting them.
- Eligibility dates: books published between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021.

## Rules for Entry

- An individual title may be entered in no more than three categories. Categories include: Adult Trade Books, Children's/Young Adult, Academic/Non-Trade, Guide/Travel, How-to/Crafts, Cookbook, Photography, Art, Sports/Fitness/Recreation, Reference, Short Stories/Poetry/Anthologies, Gift/Holiday/Specialty, Historical/Biographical, Graphic Album, Jacket Cover, and Special Edition. A Judges' Choice Award may be selected from the pool of submissions.
- A separate book must be submitted for **each category** entered.
- Entries in the Jacket/Cover Design categories must be submitted as a jacket or cover on the finished book – no separate/detached jackets or covers will be accepted.
- Fees per entry: \$75 for PubWest members and \$100 for non-members ([join PubWest here](#)).
- Online entries must be submitted by **December 15, 2021**; all books must be received by December 23, 2021.
- [Click here](#) to enter on the PubWest website.
- Print a copy of the entry and place it inside the front cover of each submission.
- Ship entries and forms to: PubWest Book Design Awards, % Janet Benson, 12727 Highland Ct, Auburn, CA 95603.
- Items submitted for judging will not be returned.

## The Judging

A diverse panel of expert interdisciplinary judges will review each submission. Entries will be judged on format, layout, typography, cover design, materials, and production quality. Judges are presented with uniform criteria for evaluating each category. A Judges' Choice award may be selected from the books submitted.

## Awards

A pool of finalist entries for each of the categories will be determined, from which three levels of awards may be chosen (Gold, Silver, and Bronze). Publishers will be notified after completion of the final judging. Winning entries will be displayed at the [2022 PubWest Conference](#), February 3-5 in Denver. Press releases will be sent to the regional and trade press. Please contact the PubWest office with questions: [executivedirector@pubwest.org](mailto:executivedirector@pubwest.org).

## About PubWest

Established in 1977, PubWest is a professional trade organization that serves its members by offering educational and networking opportunities as well as acting as a forum for the discussion of publishing issues. Our membership includes small- and medium-sized book publishers, and associate members including printers, designers, binderies, distributors, students, and freelancers. [Click here to learn more about PubWest and the benefits of joining today.](#)  
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