

2018 SCIBA Book Award Finalists Showcase the Best of SoCal Writers

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CLAREMONT, CA: The Southern California Independent Booksellers Association (SCIBA) has announced the finalists for their 2018 Annual Book Awards. The Awards recognize the creative talent of Southern California writers, editors, illustrators, and subject matter. The winners of the awards will be announced during SCIBA's Annual Trade Show, which will take place on the 20th and 21st of October at the Sheraton Los Angeles San Gabriel Hotel.

The awards are chosen by Southern California booksellers and publishing professionals. In eight categories, the most beloved books of the year are represented. The general awards are for: Adult Fiction, Adult Nonfiction, Adult Biography, Picture Book, Middle Grade, Young Adult. There are two named awards—the Glenn Goldman Award for Art, Architecture, and Photography and the T. Jefferson Parker Mystery Award. Glenn Goldman was the founder of West Hollywood's Book Soup and the legacy award is given in honor of his personal interest in this category. T. Jefferson Parker is a bestselling mystery writer located in and focusing on Southern California. The award was named for him—even though he still publishes regularly—because he has won the award so many times.

Tom Hanks' series of short stories, "Uncommon Type," is up for the award in Adult Fiction, but the competition will be strong as it is up against debut author Ivy Pochoda's best-selling "Wonder Valley" and award-winning author Rachel Kushner's "The Mars Room."

Adult Nonfiction also has a strong lead contender with "I'll Be Gone in the Dark," Michelle McNamara's posthumous bestseller on the Golden State Killer. Not as well-known, but a fan favorite is Caitlin Doughty's examination of care for the dead in cultures across the world in "From Here to Eternity." Lastly, is a small gem of a book, "Photographic," written by Isabel Quintero that examines the life of Mexican photographer Graciela Iturbide through a graphic format.

Competition will be fierce for the Adult Biography award. "Room to Dream" by auteur director David Lynch, "Paul Simon" by renowned music critic Robert Hilburn, and "Barking to the Choir" by the founder of Homeboy Industries, Father Gregory Boyle.

The winners will be announced during SCIBA's Trade Show, an annual even each October that provides education programming and networking opportunities for booksellers, teachers, publishing representatives and other publishing professionals. The winners of the Adult Awards categories will be announced on Sunday, October 21st at the Adult Awards Luncheon. The winners of the Children Awards categories will be announced on Saturday, October 20th at the Children Awards Luncheon.

For complete list of Book Awards finalists, visit: www.scibabooks.org/.....

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About SCIBA: The Southern California Independent Booksellers Association (SCIBA) is a non-profit trade association of independent booksellers, book wholesalers, publishers and other industry professionals located primarily in Southern California and Southern Nevada. The mission of the SCIBA is to foster community among its core members, provide opportunities for peer interaction and learning, maintain the notion of Southern California as a viable and important part of the national bookselling landscape, and to advocate on the behalf of its core members.

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