



18th Annual Colorado Book Awards

Application for Finalist Selection and Judging

Celebrating Colorado's Literary Landscape

The Colorado Center for the Book's Book Awards Advisory Committee makes the selector and judge assignments with the aim of creating panels of diverse readers (scholars, librarians, booksellers, teachers, writers, reviewers) from across the state. The Book Awards judging process has two parts:

1. **Selection of finalists, beginning February 2009 and completed by the end of March 2009.**
2. **Judging of finalists, beginning April 2009 and completed by the end of April 2009.**

Participating as a Judge or Selector provides you with an opportunity to see what Colorado's writers are creating. Judges and Selectors do not receive compensation for serving, but do receive a complimentary ticket to the 18th Annual Colorado Book Awards Event in 2009. There is no limit to how many years a Judge or Selector may serve on a committee; however, Judges and Selectors may not be asked to serve in consecutive awards years. An individual may only serve as a Judge or Selector in any one awards year. All applications are reviewed by the Colorado Book Awards Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee may ask members of the literary community to serve by invitation.

Each Category Committee is led by a Facilitator appointed to the category by the Colorado Book Awards Advisory Committee. The facilitator is asked to guide readers through the process and leads the required committee discussions. These discussions are **confidential**. Selectors and Judges are asked to come prepared to both contribute and listen in a civil discussion, demonstrating respect for Selectors and Judges, authors and publishers. To apply to serve as a Judge or Selector, please complete this form and submit it to the address below:

Please check which committee you'd like to serve on:

Selectors: Selectors have the challenging task of choosing three finalist books in a given Book Award category. **Application deadline: December 31, 2008.**

- **Activity: February – March**
- Size: 3 – 5 members
- Reading: An average of 3-5 books
- **One committee meeting is required to determine finalists**

Judges: Judges choose a Colorado Book Award winner from the three finalists books, as judged by the selection committee, in a given category. **Application Deadline: December 31, 2008.**

- **Activity April**
- Size: 3 members
- Reading: 3 books
- **One committee meeting is required to determine recipients of the Colorado Book Award**

I would be willing to serve as either judge or selector.

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____

(Must Have) E-mail: _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for selection/judging by writing a "1", "2" or "3" on the line provided:

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| _____ Adventure & Recreation | _____ Religious | _____ Political Science |
| _____ Anthology/Collection | _____ Romance | _____ Popular Culture |
| _____ Architecture | _____ Science Fiction | _____ Psychology |
| _____ Art | _____ Short Stories | _____ Reference |
| _____ Audio | _____ Gay & Lesbian | _____ Regional |
| _____ Fiction | _____ Fiction | _____ Religion |
| _____ Nonfiction | _____ Graphic Novel & Comics | _____ Self-Help |
| _____ Autobiography & Memoir | _____ Health | _____ Spanish |
| _____ Biography | _____ History | _____ Sports |
| _____ Body, Mind & Spirit | _____ Home & Garden | _____ Translation |
| _____ Business & Economics | _____ Humor | _____ Travel |
| _____ Career | _____ Horror | _____ Essays |
| _____ Children's Picture Books | _____ Juvenile (9-12 years) | _____ Guides |
| _____ Cooking | _____ Fiction | _____ True Crime |
| _____ Crafts & Hobbies | _____ Nonfiction | _____ Women's Issues |
| _____ Education | _____ Music | _____ Writing |
| _____ Environment | _____ Nature | _____ Young Adult (12 + yrs) |
| _____ Fiction | _____ Parenting | _____ Fiction |
| _____ General | _____ Performing Arts | _____ Nonfiction |
| _____ Historical | _____ Pets | _____ Book Art |
| _____ Horror | _____ Philosophy | |
| _____ Literary | _____ Photography | |
| _____ Multicultural | _____ Poetry | |
| _____ Mystery | _____ Chapbook | |

List any previous literary or writing competitions in which you have judged, and the years:

Competition _____
 Year _____ Sponsoring Organization _____

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Competition _____
 Year _____ Sponsoring Organization _____

Describe your qualifications to serve as a judge or selector. (You may include information on a separate sheet):

Are you or your employer submitting entries to this year's competition? Yes No

If yes, please list the title of the book and category entered:

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the terms and conditions of acting as a judge or selector in the Colorado Book Awards:

_____ Date _____

Please send this completed application to:

Colorado Center for the Book
 Colorado Humanities
 1490 Lafayette St. Suite 101
 Denver, Colorado 80218
 Or fax to the attention of
 Colorado Book Awards Advisory Committee: 303-864-9361



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