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Writing the West

Guidelines for 2017 WILLA Literary Awards

Honoring Books First Published in 2016

*Entry deadline February 1, 2017 • *Application fee - \$50 per entry

The WILLA Literary Awards honors the best in literature, **featuring women's or girls' stories set in the West** that are published each year. Women Writing the West (WWW), a non-profit association of writers and other professionals writing and promoting the Women's West, underwrites and presents the nationally recognized award annually at the WWW Fall Conference. The award is named in honor of Pulitzer Prize winner Willa Cather, one of the country's foremost novelists.

- Entries for the WILLA Literary Awards are open to all persons worldwide and are not limited to WWW members or women specifically.
- All authors or publishers of **books featuring women's or girls' stories set in the West** in any time period may enter.
- Professional librarians not affiliated with WWW select Winners and Finalists.
- Books initially published in 2016 (in any form) are eligible for the WILLA Literary Awards. **ONLY books FIRST published and copyrighted in 2016 are eligible – NO exceptions.** In cases where the publication date and copyright date differ, copyright date shall prevail.

EXAMPLE: A book originally published as a hardcover and released later as a trade or mass-market paperback is eligible only if the original copyright date is 2016. The book may not be entered in the Original Softcover Fiction category if it was originally published as a hardcover. Books previously released/published in ANY format (hardcover, softcover, e-book, CD, Internet download, POD, etc.) prior to 2016 are not eligible.

- **E-books** should be submitted in the appropriate category. Provide **THREE** bound, printed forms of the book. Spiral or trade paperback bindings are acceptable. Loose manuscript pages or three-ring binders are **NOT acceptable** and will neither be acknowledged nor returned.
- A title may only be entered in **one category**.

EXAMPLE: A contemporary mass-market mystery may be entered in either Contemporary Fiction or Original Softcover Fiction, but not both. We strongly suggest that authors of softcover originals (mass market and trade) consider entering the Original Softcover Fiction category.

- WWW reserves the right to add or delete categories according to the entries received and to move books to another category as appropriate.

- WWW reserves the right not to name a Winner or Finalist in a category should the librarian judges feel that no book entered in that category merits a WILLA Award.
- Entries received with incomplete submission packages or postmarked after the February 1, 2017 deadline will not be acknowledged nor will any part of the package, including the entry fee, be returned.

Categories for the 2017 WILLA Literary Awards

Please review previous Winners and Finalists in each category to get a feel for the types of books that have been honored in past years. A list of previous Winners and Finalists can be found at www.WomenWritingtheWest.org.

- **Contemporary Fiction:** Books featuring women's or girls' stories set in the West in contemporary times. Softcover originals may be entered in this category as well as hardcover books.
- **Historical Fiction:** Books featuring women's or girls' stories set in the West before contemporary times. Softcover originals may be entered in this category but the majority of entries are hardcover. WWW defines "historical fiction" as any story set at least 50 years prior to the publication date.
- **Original Softcover Fiction:** This category is specifically for fiction novels originally published in a softcover format, trade or mass market. Books previously published in any other format are not eligible for this category. This category draws a variety of genre books, primarily romance and mystery, as well as more mainstream historical and fiction novels.
- **Creative Nonfiction:** Includes autobiographical works.
- **Scholarly Nonfiction:** Entries in this category are typically academic or educational in nature. Scholarship, research, organization and presentation are some of the judging criteria. Includes edited diaries, also anthologies.
- **Poetry:** Individual collections or anthologies.
- **Children's/Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction:** Books featuring women's or girls' stories set in the West, which includes women's stories written for young readers.

If there are any questions please contact Doris Baker at Doris@FilterPressBooks.com or by telephone at (719) 481.2420.

Application for 2017 WILLA Literary Awards

Capturing the Diversity of the Women's West



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Please obtain guidelines before entering. Complete award information and guidelines (including information for books published in electronic formats) are posted for downloading on the WWW web site: www.WomenWritingtheWest.org. Contact WILLA Chair: Doris Baker at Doris@FilterPressBooks.com or by telephone at 719.481.2420.

** Complete one entry form per book entered

** Notate the category, author and title of each entry on checks

Please provide as much contact information as possible so that we may make appropriate notifications and/or request further information for promoting our award Winners and Finalists.

Title of Submission Published in 2016: _____

ISBN: _____

Submitted By: _____ **Author:** _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone, Fax: _____ Phone, Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Publisher: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Editor: _____ **Publicist:** _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

** **CATEGORY** (please choose one – WWW reserves the right to add or delete categories or to move entries to other categories)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Softcover Fiction (trade or mass market) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Nonfiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's and Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly Nonfiction | |

Please include the following items with the entry form for submission to be judged:

A check payable to "Women Writing the West," \$50 per entry.

THREE non-returnable copies of each book entry, postmarked no later than February 1, 2017, to:

- Contemporary Fiction: Doris Eraldi, 11991 East Road, Potter Valley, CA 95469
- Historical Fiction: LaDene Morton, 5014 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110
- Creative Nonfiction: Brigid Amos, 3825 S. 18th St., Lincoln, NE 68502
- Scholarly Nonfiction: Kayann Short, Stonebridge Farm, 5169 Ute Highway, Longmont, CO 80503
- Poetry: Linda Hasselstrom, Windbreak House Retreats, P.O. Box 169, Hermosa, SD 57744-0169
- Original Softcover Fiction (trade or mass market): W. Michael Farmer, P.O. Box 159, Battery Park, VA 23304
- Children's and Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction: Cindy Sandell, 2221 Tamarisk, Plano TX 75023

Each book may be entered in only one category.

THIS APPLICATION MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED.