



TIL literary contests now open with prizes totaling more than \$26,000

The Texas Institute of Letters has named its distinguished judges for its literary contests, which are now open for submissions. Judges will select finalists and winners in thirteen categories for the best works published in 2021. Winners will be awarded a total of more than \$26,000 at the TIL's annual meeting, to be held on April 22-23, 2022 in El Paso, Texas.

To submit works for award consideration:

1. Complete online contest entry form and pay entry fee (\$20 for book awards / \$10 for short story & short nonfiction awards):

<https://form.jotform.com/TexasInstituteofLetters/til-contest-form-2021>

2. Submissions of works must be mailed to the appropriate judging committee members. Addresses are listed below. Since there are three members for each committee, you will need to send a copy of the work to each judge. Include a brief note inside each copy of the book or clipped to the article explaining for which contest the book is being entered.

3. Authors or their representatives should not have any contact with judges other than to submit work to each judge.

4. A book can only be entered in one category.

5. Submissions must be postmarked no later than January 3, 2022.

6. All works entered must be published in a print format during 2021, with the exception of the Cattarulla and Shrake awards. Works for the Cattarulla and Shrake awards must be published in print OR digital format during 2021. Unpublished manuscripts and online publications will not be considered.

7. To be considered, an entry must be the first published version of the work.

8. A person or publisher may enter only one work per author per contest category for the writing contests; a person or publisher may enter only one work per designer for the book design contest. In other words, a publisher may enter different works by different authors or designers in one category but cannot submit more than one book by the same author or designer in one category.

- *The only exception to the ‘one work per author per contest category’ rule is the Shrake Award for Short Nonfiction: “This prize is for the best article or essay appearing in newspapers, journals, or magazines. Multiple articles by a single author may be submitted — with a total not exceeding 10,000 words.”*

*9. The Cattarulla and Shrake awards allow for the submission of works that have been published in print OR digital formats during 2021. Eligible digital publications should be: refereed and edited journals with an acceptance/rejection policy (not self-publishing); stand-alone digital publications (e.g. Narrative Magazine) or online publications of established print magazines or newspapers (e.g. Atlantic Monthly); and digital publications with a discernible publication date. The digital publication of the short story or short nonfiction should be the first published version of the work. **Special submission instructions:** print the digital entry, with URL at the top of first page, and submit work to judges by regular mail.*

CONTEST CATEGORIES AND JUDGES

Jesse H. Jones Award for Best Work of Fiction (\$6,000)

Daniel Chacón (Chair), 1673 Tonantzin Pl., El Paso, TX 79911

Ellen Temple, 5030 Champions Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901

Ann Weisgarber: For U.S. Mail: RR 4, Box 225E-4, Galveston, TX 77554

*For other delivery services such as FedEx and UPS: 22309 Vista del Mar,
Galveston, TX 77554*

*For books arriving on November 1 and later: Ann Weisgarber,
1218 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521*

Sergio Troncoso Award for Best Work of First Fiction (\$3,000)

Daniel Chacón (Chair), 1673 Tonantzin Pl., El Paso, TX 79911

Ellen Temple, 5030 Champions Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901

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Carr P. Collins Award for Best Book of Non-fiction (\$5,000)

Kathryn Jones (Chair), 5597 Highway 144, Walnut Springs, TX 76690

Anne Calaway, Front Street Books, 121 E. Holland Avenue, Alpine, TX 79830

George Getschow, 6931 Red Bud Drive, Flower Mound, TX 7502

Ramirez Award for Most Significant Scholarly Book (\$2,500)

Dr. Steven G. Kellman (Chair), 302 Fawn Drive, Shavano Park, TX 78231-1519
Dr. Maria Gonzalez, 8807 Linkpass Lane, Houston TX 77025
Dr. José Limón, 3618 California Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

Helen C. Smith Memorial Award for Best Book of Poetry (\$1,500)

Allison Adelle Hedge Coke (Chair), Distinguished Professor, Creative Writing Department,
University of California at Riverside, 900 University Avenue, Department of Creative
Writing, CHASS INTN 3012, Riverside, CA 92521
Chera Hammons Miller, P.O. Box 52485, Amarillo, TX 79159
Scott Wiggerman, 6452 Kola Ct. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

John A. Robertson Award For Best First Book Of Poetry (\$1,000)

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Edwin “Bud” Shrake Award for Short Nonfiction (\$1,000) *This prize is for the best article or essay appearing in newspapers, journals, or magazines. Multiple articles by a single author may be submitted as one entry — with a total not exceeding 10,000 words.*

Rose Mary Salum (Chair), 5425 Renwick Dr., Houston TX 77081
Tony Diaz, 17915 Horseshoe Knoll Ct., Cypress, TX 77433
Raymond Caballero, 3124 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212

Kay Cattarulla Award for Best Short Story (\$1,000)

Octavio Solis (Chair), 6086 Dark Hollow Road, Medford, OR 97501
Kathi Appelt, 1907 Comal Circle, College Station TX 77840
Eugene Lee, 3111 Summit Ridge Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Jean Flynn Award for Best Young Adult Book (\$1,000)

Xavier Garza (Chair), 6310 Madeleine Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229
Dr. Frederick Luis Aldama, 4703 Avenue F, Austin, TX 78751
Natalia Sylvester, 13727 SW 152nd Street #1035, Miami, FL 33177

**Deirdre Siobhan FlynnBass Award for Best Middle Grade Book (\$1,000) and
Brigid Erin Flynn Award for Best Picture Book (\$1,000)**

Chris Barton (Chair), P.O. Box 66104, Austin, TX 78766
Norma Martinez, 6846-A Alto Rey, El Paso, TX 79912
Elaine Scott, 13042 Taylorcrest Rd., Houston, TX 77079

Soeurette Diehl Fraser Award for Best Translation of a Book (\$1,000)

Given biennially. Books published in 2020 and 2021 are eligible for consideration.

Liliana Valenzuela (Chair), 1103 Maufrais St., Austin, TX 78703

Professor Rita Urquijo-Ruiz, 3614 Windgap Dr., San Antonio, TX 78230

Professor Kyle Schlesinger, 3008 East 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78702

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