



EMPOWERING LATINO FUTURES'S INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS

The Largest Awards in the USA Celebrating Achievements in Latino Literature



Amazing New Books By & About Latinos Are Being Honored at the 26th International Latino Book Awards By Kirk Whisler

The 26th annual International Latino Book Awards was held on October 19, 2024, on the campus of Los Angeles City College before the largest gathering of Latino authors in the USA this year. This year's award ceremony celebrated MAJOR established Latino authors like Julia Alvarez, Paulo Coelho, Marie Arana, Isabel Campoy, and Mararita Engle; Celebrity authors like Chita Rivera, Luis Miranda Jr, Pepe Serna, Andrea Navedo, and Aida Rodriguez; and Rising Star authors that we should all be watching like Alejandra Campoverdi, Nana C6ndor, Adriana Devers, Rocky Barilla, Roberto de Haro, Isabel Millan, Johanna Rojas, Ariadna S6nchez Hern6ndez, Laura Tarrag6 and so many other rapidly developing authors. With key screenwriters like Nancy de los Santos and Rick Najera present there was an undercurrent of anticipation over the upcoming film rights auction over one of the night's big winners, *Love in War*. It's an exciting time to be in Latino publishing! The 2024 Rising Stars are Adriana Devers for Children's Books; Rocky Barilla for Fiction; Alejandra Campoverdi and Isabel Mill6n for NonFiction; and Ariadna Sanchez Hernandez for Poetry.

This year's Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal winners in 105 categories of Children and Young Adult Books, Fiction, NonFiction, and Poetry offer books for every age and reading desire. Special award categories are named after Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Allende, Rudolfo Anaya, Charlie Eriksen, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dolores Huerta, Hank Lacayo, Mimi Lozano, Ambassador Julian Nava, Luis Valdez, Victor Villase6nor, Raul Yzaguirre, now Nora de Hoyos Comstock. To learn more about the awards and the ceremony go to www.LatinoBookAwards.org

Three key ways the marketplace for books for, by, and about Latinos is evolving:

1. **QUALITY INCREASING.** Over the last three decades, we've seen the field of Latino books grow from a few books in most key book categories to where today there's a growing wide variety of books in most categories. With that growth has come awareness across the book industry that books by and about Latinos are a viable industry.

2. **15 MILLION LATINO READERS.** A further sign is that there is now a consistent audience for books in both Spanish and English with a sizeable audience of 15.5 million Latino Readers across the United States. These consistent readers represent 34 percent of all Latino adults and have a combined income of \$452 billion. The National Latino Reader Study's nationwide survey of 10,640 found that these readers purchase an average of 24.7 books a year, with 42 percent of the books in Spanish, a major increase from a few decades ago when it was much harder to find a wide variety of books in Spanish in the United States.

3. **THE AWARD GROWS.** This year we had more books in English, Spanish, and Portuguese than ever before. Empowering Latino Futures received a 38% increase in entries over the previous record high. This is another sign of the GREAT quality of books for, by, and about Latinos that are being produced. This year's 239 judges were a tremendous help in this process: Past ILBA winners, professors, librarians, educators, journalists, members of REFORMA and Las Comadres, and people who love and appreciate good books were busy reviewing all the entries.

Since its founding in 1997 Empowering Latino Futures has held 75 Latino Book & Family Festivals around the USA with our Latino Book & Family Festivals; Honored over 3,000 books with the Int'l Latino Book Awards; provided 245,000 books to underserved youth with Education Begins in the Home, which started in 2015; Served 182,500 youth with our National Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory; and our Latino Books into Movies Awards that has honored 199 books and scripts.

This year's partners include AARP California, Amazon Literary Partnership, Google Transformation Tech, Hudson Pacific Properties, Independent Book Publishers Association, Lantia, Las Comadres, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Community College District, MAAC, MiraCosta College, Molina Healthcare, Sacramento City College, Sacramento Progressive Communities, San Diego County, and TrueCare.

A sobrosos Nuevos Libros de y Sobre Latinos Son Honrados en los 26^o Premios Internacionales del Libro Latino Por Kirk Whisler

La 26^a edici6n anual de los Premios Internacionales del Libro Latino se celebr6 el 19 de octubre de 2024 en el campus de Los Angeles City College, ante la mayor reuni6n de autores latinos en EE. UU. este a6o. La ceremonia de premiaci6n de este a6o reconoci6 a GRANDES autores latinos consolidados como Julia 6lvarez, Paulo Coelho, Marie Arana, Isabel Campoy y Margarita Engle; autores famosos como Chita Rivera, Luis Miranda Jr., Pepe Serna, Andrea Navedo y Aida Rodr6guez; y autores emergentes que todos deber6amos seguir, como Alejandra Campoverdi, Nana C6ndor, Adriana Devers, Rocky Barilla, Roberto de Haro, Isabel Mill6n, Johanna Rojas, Ariadna S6nchez Hern6ndez, Laura Tarrag6 y muchos otros autores en r6pido desarrollo. Con guionistas clave como Nancy de los Santos y Rick Najera presentes, se sinti6 una expectaci6n especial por la pr6xima subasta de derechos cinematogr6ficos de uno de los grandes ganadores de la noche, *Love in War*. ¡Es un momento emocionante para la industria editorial latina! The 2024 Rising Stars are Adriana Devers para Children's Books; Rocky Barilla para Fiction; Alejandra Campoverdi and Isabel Mill6n para NonFiction; and Ariadna Sanchez Hernandez para Poetry.

Los ganadores de las medallas de Oro, Plata y Bronce en 105 categor6as, que abarcan libros para ni6os y j6venes, ficci6n, no ficci6n y poes6a, ofrecen lecturas para todas las edades y gustos. Las categor6as especiales llevan el nombre de figuras como Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Allende, Rudolfo Anaya, Charlie Eriksen, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dolores Huerta, Hank Lacayo, Mimi Lozano, el embajador Juli6n Nava, Luis Valdez, Victor Villase6nor, Ra6l Yzaguirre y ahora tambi6n Nora de Hoyos Comstock. Para m6s informaci6n sobre los premios y la ceremonia, visita www.LatinoBookAwards.org.

Tres formas clave en que el mercado de libros para, por y sobre latinos est6 evolucionando:

1. **MAYOR CALIDAD.** En las 6ltimas tres d6cadas, el campo de los libros latinos ha pasado de contar con pocos t6tulos en las principales categor6as a ofrecer una amplia variedad de libros en la mayor6a de ellas. Con ese crecimiento, ha surgido una mayor conciencia en la industria editorial sobre el potencial de los libros escritos por y sobre latinos como un mercado viable.

2. **15 MILLONES DE LECTORES LATINOS.** Otro indicador de esta evoluci6n es la existencia de una audiencia constante tanto para libros en espa6ol como en ingl6s, con 15,5 millones de lectores latinos en Estados Unidos. Estos lectores regulares representan el 34 % de todos los adultos latinos y suman un ingreso combinado de 452 mil millones de d6lares. Seg6n la National Latino Reader Study, que encuest6 a 10,640 personas, estos lectores compran en promedio 24,7 libros al a6o, y el 42 % de esos libros son en espa6ol, un incremento significativo comparado con d6cadas anteriores, cuando era dif6cil encontrar una amplia variedad de libros en espa6ol en EE. UU.

3. **CRECIMIENTO DEL PREMIO.** Este a6o se inscribieron m6s libros que nunca en ingl6s, espa6ol y portugu6s. Empowering Latino Futures recib6 un 38 % m6s de participaciones respecto al r6cord anterior, lo que refleja la gran calidad de los libros para, por y sobre latinos que se est6n produciendo. En el proceso de selecci6n, los 239 jueces, entre los que se encontraban ganadores de ediciones anteriores, profesores, bibliotecarios, educadores, periodistas, miembros de REFORMA y Las Comadres, as6 como amantes de los buenos libros, jugaron un papel fundamental al evaluar las obras inscritas.

Desde su fundaci6n en 1997, Empowering Latino Futures ha organizado 75 Festivales del Libro y la Familia Latino en todo Estados Unidos; ha reconocido m6s de 3,000 libros con los Premios Internacionales del Libro Latino; ha distribuido 245,000 libros a j6venes en situaci6n vulnerable a trav6s del programa Education Begins in the Home (que comenz6 en 2015); ha apoyado a 182,500 j6venes mediante el Directorio Nacional de Becas para Latinos y Nativos Americanos; y ha honrado 199 libros y guiones con el premio Latino Books into Movies Awards.

Este a6o, los socios del evento incluyen: AARP California, Amazon Literary Partnership, Google Transformation Tech, Hudson Pacific Properties, Independent Book Publishers Association, Lantia, Las Comadres, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Community College District, MAAC, MiraCosta College, Molina Healthcare, Sacramento City College, Sacramento Progressive Communities, San Diego County, y TrueCare.

A CHILDREN'S, CHAPTER, & YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARDS

The Alma Flor Ada Best Latino Focused Children's Picture Book Award

- GOLD MEDAL** Spanish is the Language of My Family, Michael Genhart, illustrated by John Parra; Neal Porter Books/ Holiday House; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is the one! Excellent story that acknowledge the shame and struggle of speaking Spanish at school.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Tata and the Mouse Famil / Tata y los ratoncitos, Jerry Tello, illustrated by Ramón Ramírez; Sueños Publications LLC ; Ancestry of the author(s): Usa, Mexico ; The author (s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'As a mom who knows the importance of next generation speaking Spanish I loved this book.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Arletis, Abuelo, and the Message in the Bottle, Lea Aschkenas; Star Bright Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful, endearing story. I love that it is a true story, and that real pictures were included.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** Abuela's Wishing Tree: El árbol de los deseos de abuela, Mitzi Spitzer Fernandez; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, WA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It had memorable stories! Illustrations and design were great!'
- SILVER MEDAL** How to Stuff a Piñata: Cómo rellenar una piñata, Naibe Reynoso; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Cute little book very engaging and organized. Well written in rhyme.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Chita, the Famous Chicken from Toto/ Chita, La Famosa Gallina de Toto, Wayne J. Pitts, Illustrated by Maria Paiz; Vista Tranquila Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Winston-Salem, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved how humor was embedded within the storyline. The illustrator did a fabulous job.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Pepita Meets Bebita, Ruth Behar and Gabriel Frye-Behar; Alfred A. Knopf; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA; The author(s) lives in: Ann Arbor, MI & New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a fantastic book. Told from the point of view of the dog.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Empanadas for Everyone, Jackie Azua Kramer, Illustrated by Lenny Wen; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a beautiful account of how a community can come together for a common purpose.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Dad, Margarita del Mazo, Illustrated by Silvia Álvarez, Translated by Jon Brokenbow; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Toledo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A touching account of a loving father and child. This was a beautiful book.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** La Pluma Del Condor, Nana Cándor, Illustrated by Laura Muñoz; Paquicornio Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Cincinnati, OH; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful ancestral stories and teachings, so good to see that this medicine is being shared to children.'
- SILVER MEDAL** El ave rara, Elena Busse; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Letonia; The author(s) lives in: Cádiz, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The cover and illustrations were beautiful.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** La Gran Carrera del Cerdito Pinky, Carla Martilotti; José Luis Altet Editor y Escritor; Ancestry of the author(s): Uruguay, Spanish & Italian ; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Cute story with a great lesson to teach children.'

Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Piece by Piece: Ernestine's Gift for President Roosevelt, Lupe Ruiz-Flores, Illustrated by Anna Lopez Real; Millbrook Press and imprint of Lerner; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Detailed Artwork. Great history information in the back of the book.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Fernando Llor: Pintando La Palma/ Painting La Palma, Kimberly Mathis Pitts, Illustrated by Maria José Llor; Vista Tranquila Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Winston-Salem, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very colorful artwork. Wonderful that the illustrator is the daughter of Llor.'
- SILVER MEDAL** La expedición de la vacuna, F. Isabel Campoy; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Full of useful information.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Martín Dihigo The Greatest Baseball Player You've Never Heard of, Darren López, Illustrated by Eric Kittelberger; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico and Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story. Easy to follow. Well told. Imagery is unique.'

Best Educational Children's Picture Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Super Peanut and the Big Bully The Power of Kindness/Súper Cacahuete y EL Gran Bully El Poder de La Bondad, Bronx Baeza, Illustrated by Juan Calle; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'From life experiences I had with my eight year old I really appreciated this book.'
- SILVER MEDAL** El Chu Chu de Emociones: Un libro para entender y hablar de emociones, MJ Flockhart; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love this book. It explains all the emotions kids would feel...'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Brave Lolis's Box Of Hope/ La Valiente Lolis y Su Caja De Esperanza, Armida Espinoza; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is an inspirational book for kids to be more kind and help others.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Mi guardiana, Azahara Castillo, Illustrated by Maite García; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love this book. Something I would read to my daughter every night.'

Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** ¡Todos a Bailar! Let's get up and dance!, Adriana Devers, Illustrated by Vanessa Balleza; Cuentos de Triadas INC.; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I felt like I learned new things about dancing in this book. It is cute...'
- SILVER MEDAL** Escuela de Panteras, Américo Ramírez, illustrated by Alynor Díaz; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela.; The author(s) lives in: West Palm Beach, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book teaches kids about friendship. The book is cute.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Antigua's Amazing Sawdust Carpets, Kimberly Mathis Pitts; Vista Tranquila Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Winston-Salem, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful story and great content. Wonderful Guatemalan illustrator.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Do I Belong Here? ¿Es este mi lugar?, René Colato Lainez, Illustrated by Fabricio Vanden Broeck; Arte Publico Press-Piñata Books; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Arleta, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Many children can relate to this story. Definitely enjoy the full circle ending.'

Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** What the Bread Says, Vanessa García, Illustrations by Tim Palin; Cardinal Rule Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Cuban ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The guided questions in the book help keep the conversation going between child and caregiver.'
- SILVER MEDAL** La Mariachi, Isabel Estrada; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Kalamazoo, MI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story illustrates a challenging situation.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** I'll Be The Moon: A Migrant Child's Story, Phillip D. Cortez, illustrated by Mafis Rodriguez Alpidé; The Collective Book Studio ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful book! Would highly recommend this book for a read-aloud.'

Inspirational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Patricio el patito y su patita chueca, Camila Parada; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoyed this book! I love that it highlighted helping a character with disabilities.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Coquíes Still Sing/ Los coquíes aún cantan, Karina Nicole Gonzalez; Roaring Brook Press- Macmillan; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The reader really feels the tone and the mood of this story.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Durante La Tormenta, Maria Ignacia Henríquez; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written and developed story appropriate for read aloud with young children, encouraging.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Picnic de sorpresas, F. Isabel Campoy; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was very cute. It had a theme going on what children usually experience in their home.'

Best Board Book

- GOLD MEDAL** The Life of/ La Vida de Llorc, Cynthia Gonzalez; Lil' Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is so educational for little kids.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Contando te quiero, Vanessa Pérez-Sauquillo, illustrated by Elisa Bernat; Editorial RUBIO; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is beautiful, I love how they teach little kids that they are loved, which is an important thing for a growing child.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Celebrate the Day of the Dead!, Diane de Anda, Illustrated by Gloria Féliz; Crown Books for Young readers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is so colorful it will draw the attention of children.'

Best Latino Focused Chapter Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Warrior Girl, Carmen Tafolla; Nancy Paulsen Books (An Imprint of Penguin Random House, LLC); Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This a wonderful empowerment book for immigrant youth and really all girls.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Mani Semilla Finds Her Quetzal Voice, Anna Lopera; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): Guatemala, Filipina; The author(s) lives in: Washington, D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fabulous book. I feel in love with the character Mani. It was a great girl empowerment book.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Sincerely Sicily, Tamika Burgess; Harper Collins; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Panama; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved Sicily's story. Girls need to speak up.'

Best Chapter Fiction Book

- GOLD MEDAL** La tienda de salva, Almendra Vila; Babidi-Bú; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Tortosa; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved this book from beginning to end!!!'
- SILVER MEDAL** Something Like Home, Andrea Beatriz Arango; Random House Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Charlottesville, VA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Everyone in this country will relate to the main character, her aunt, and parents.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Mariana, Alma Flor Ada & Gabriel Zubizarreta Ada; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love the story.'

Best Educational Chapter Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Paloma's Song for Puerto Rico: A Diary from 1898, Adriana Erin Rivera, Illustrated by Eugenia Nobati; Capstone; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a story that needs to be told and heard. Excellent! I loved the fact that it had questions for discussion at the end and other notes.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Mara Turing#1 (serie 4Kids): Hackers en Nueva York, Javier Padilla; Samarcanda (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Kids will enjoy stories about technology! A mystery keeps the reader involved at all times. Great book!'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Bienvenida a Washington Fina Mendoza, Kitty Felde, translator Jorge Flores González; Chesapeake Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author did an excellent job in introducing the reader to Washington DC in a fun way.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Mammals Unlocked/ Mamíferos Descubiertos, Dia L. Michels; Science, Naturally!; Ancestry of the author(s): u.s.a.; The author(s) lives in: Washington,DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful creatvie book about mammals. Great idea to start with a question about each mammal described.'

Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book

- GOLD MEDAL** The Garden of Second Chances, Mona Alvarado Frazier; She Writes Press/ Spark Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Oxnard, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good flow in the writing. Could not put book down.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Los Tejanos de Bexar, Irma Olivares ; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexico, Spain, Native American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges 'Enjoyed reading it. The telling from the individual characters kept me hooked.'

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Wings in the Wild, Margarita Engle; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Fresno, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Incredibly story of 2 totally different people coming together for love, for their convictions, their passions.'
- SILVER MEDAL** What the River Knows, Isabel Ibañez; Wednesday Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Bolivia, USA; The author(s) lives in: Asheville, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was a very exciting story that reminded me of 100 Years of Solitude.'

- BRONZE MEDAL Ander & Santi Were Here, Jonny Garza Villa; Wednesday Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story is excellent; beautiful, passionate, and heartbreaking. The characters are fully dimensional and empathetic.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Borderless, Jennifer De Leon; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Guatemalan-American; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Mey was a very relatable character! Her family and friends were likeable and realistic.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Breathe and Count Back From Ten, Natalia Sylvester; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Peruvian American; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was my favorite of the books I was able to read. The cast of this book was wonderfully written.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Broke Hearts, Matt Mendez; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was one of the best books I have read this year. It made me openly cry in a coffee shop.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Infested, Angel Luis Colon; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This would make for a great film. I thought this was fun.'

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Confesiones Desde el Abismo, Jorge Ancizar Mejia; PanHouse- Casa editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The plot captures your attention immediately.'
- SILVER MEDAL Al encuentro del Fuego, Helena Sampedro; PLANETA ; Ancestry of the author(s): España/USA / Puerto Rico ; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR/Madrid-España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The narrative captures the attention and imagination of the reader. It is hard to leave...'

Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book

- GOLD MEDAL Men of the 65th: The Borinqueneers of the Korean War, Talia Aikens-Nuñez; Lerner Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New Haven, CT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting story! What valiant men whose story should be in our history books for high schools and colleges.'
- SILVER MEDAL La inocencia en la mentira, Anita Corro; Ediciones Loaeza; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Tustin, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved this journey of Ita's and how she overcame obstacles and with hard work and determination.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Our Voices: Little Stories Through A Latina Lens, Lizette Epps; Breadth of Hope, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice collection of stories across the USA. Glad you incorporated the photos of the authors of each piece.'

Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure

- GOLD MEDAL Reclaim the Stars, Zoraida Córdova; Wednesday Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador, USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent! This one is going on my library shelf.'
- SILVER MEDAL En la posada de Sofía, Cristina Molina; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written! It reminds me of Poe or The Canterbury Tales.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Lucha of the Night Forest, Tehlor Kay Mejia; Make Me A World; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican, USA; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I liked the creation of a vibrant fantasy world rooted in Latin American culture...'

Best Young Adult Romance Book

- GOLD MEDAL El secreto de tu magia, Cassandra Santiago; Portadas PR; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Comerío, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It was a beautiful story from the beginning. Very well written.'
- SILVER MEDAL Caught in a Bad Fauxmance, Elle Gonzalez Rose; Joy Revolution; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this book very much! Well done! Made me LOL a number of times.'

Most Inspirational Young Adult Book

- GOLD MEDAL Across So Many Seas, Ruth Behar; Alfred A. Knopf; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Ann Arbor, MI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I hope to see this text in a movie one day. Her way of describing and even enlightening the audience with so many historical facts is riveting.'
- SILVER MEDAL Al encuentro del Fuego, Helena Sampedro; PLANETA ; Ancestry of the author(s): España/USA / Puerto Rico ; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR/Madrid-España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Helena Sampedro did a marvelous job bridging fiction with social justice and a cause that our society is not ready to face misogyny.'
- SILVER MEDAL The Garden of Second Chances, Mona Alvarado Frazier; She Writes Press/ Spark Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Oxnard, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book, even if it is fiction, could very well be the story of any young undocumented woman.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Wings in the Wild, Margarita Engle; Atheneum Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Fresno, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is the book I want to have on my night stand and read to come to a place of calmness and understanding.'

The Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth

- GOLD MEDAL Super Peanut and the Big Bully The Power of Kindness/Súper Cacahuete y EL Gran Bully El Poder de La Bondad, Bronx Baeza, Illustrated by Juan Calle; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations are superb! I can envision a tv show for children. GREAT BOOK!!!'
- SILVER MEDAL Dr. Pren y el Guardián del Vórtice, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fantastic cover. Make us care about the characters. Needs an editor.'
- SILVER MEDAL Dried Lavender & Sage: Poems As I Grow, Julia Rae Rodriguez; Skillful and Soulful Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thank you for sharing your raw thoughts and feelings. Great read.'

B NONFICTION AWARDS

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – English

- GOLD MEDAL LatinoLand, Marie Arana; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written and researched, casts a very human face on the U.S. Latino experience.'
- SILVER MEDAL CREEP, Myriam Gurba; Avid Reader Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: Pasadena; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thoroughly enjoyable, and would make an interesting movie or television series based upon her bizarre life.'

BRONZE MEDAL Engage and Evade: How Latino Immigrant Families Manage Surveillance in Everyday Life, Asad L. Asad; Princeton University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Palestine; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, San Jose, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Humanizes the daily struggles of those caught up in the bureaucratic nightmare that is our country's flawed immigration system.'

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Darwin, En la Patagonia 1832-1834, Jaime Said; Universo de Letras (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was an excellent book...'

SILVER MEDAL Barrio y Paz/Neighborhood and Peace, Jesús Del Toro, Belhú Sanabria, Irene Tostado, Aileen Ocaña, Antonio Zavala; La Raza Chicago; Ancestry of the author(s): México, Perú; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

GOLD MEDAL First Gen: A Memoir, Alejandra Campoverdi; Grand Central Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This would be a great and empowering movie for Latinas. I loved this book.'

SILVER MEDAL Our Otherness is Our Strength, Andrea Navedo; Broadleaf Books, an imprint of 1517 Media; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's voice is clear and captivating. This would be a great human interest movie.'

BRONZE MEDAL Maria's Scarf, Zoro; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a well-written book - funny, interesting, relatable. It is a true homage to a woman who is extraordinary.'

BRONZE MEDAL The Little Dark One, A True Story of Switched at Birth, Shirley Muñoz Newson; New Degree Press/Manuscripts LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Biological Mother Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Denver, Colorado; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Ultimately, reunification with the birth-family offered a precious few constructive relationships but also new emotional trauma.'

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Un tipo con cáncer entra a un bar..., Sergio Jablon; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

SILVER MEDAL Hija Legítima, Aida Rodríguez; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

SILVER MEDAL Nadie se lo dijo al abejorro, Ivette Landeros; Galaxia Literaria; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Tijuana, Baja California; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

BRONZE MEDAL Vida: Mi historia a través de la historia, Papa Francisco; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Rome, Italy; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

Best Biography

GOLD MEDAL Into the Amazon: The Life of Cândido Rondon Trailblazing Explorer, Scientist, Statesman, and Conservationist, Larry Rohter; W.W. Norton; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Ukrainian, Jewish; The author(s) lives in: Providence, RI & Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Enjoyed this well written and easy to follow biography and all the benefits he produced for indigenous Brazilians.'

SILVER MEDAL Trust the Circle: The Resistance and Resilience of Rubén Castilla Herrera, Paloma Martínez-Cruz; Belt Publishing; ; The author(s) lives in: Columbus, OH; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Traditional and contemporary issues Chicanos/ Latinos deal with.'

BRONZE MEDAL La Plonqui: The Literary Life and Work of Margarita Cota-Cárdenas, Edited by Jesús Rosales and Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez; The University of Arizona Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very important Chicana writer/ poet.'

Best Autobiography – English

GOLD MEDAL Life is Art, A Chicano's Groundbreaking Life in Film, Pepe Serna; Biller Content; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A detailed account of a young man who knew what he wanted in life and pursued it successfully. I've been Pepified.'

SILVER MEDAL Mi'ja (a Memoir Noir), Magdalena Gómez, illustrated by Sarah Haviland, designed by Naomi Rosenblatt; Heliotrope Books, NYC; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Boston, New York, Hartford; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Detailed account of the author growing up, dirt poor, in the slums of the Bronx...'

SILVER MEDAL Relentless: My Story of the Latino Spirit That is Transforming America, Luis A. Miranda & Richard Wolffe; Hachette Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting journey and a great role model for Latinos.'

BRONZE MEDAL My Side of the River, Elizabeth Caramillo Gutierrez; St. Martin's Press, Macmillan; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent story of the struggles of an undocumented family living, struggling to succeed/survive in the U.S.'

Best Autobiography – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Chita, Chita Rivera; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Starts off well, very engaging and written like a movie. Great pictures and stories are shared.'

SILVER MEDAL El niño que alcanzó las estrellas, Elio Morillo; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written that captures attention quickly, story feels like it's coming straight from the author. Good flow'

BRONZE MEDAL Me robaron La Juventud, Amelia Retamero; Caligrama (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Granada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Biography of father essentially, has good flow and well written. Cover is attractive, well formatted.'

The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book

GOLD MEDAL After THEY Left, Betty Viamontes; Zapote Street Books LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, Florida; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Through storytelling, migrants can connect with each other and find common ground, building a supportive community and foster a sense of unity.'

SILVER MEDAL Finding Familia and Ancestors, Alejandra Chikauak-Yaotl Tlalli-Miles; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico, First Nations; The author(s) lives in: San Jose, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great book because it uses personal examples of researching a family history to help others develop their family histories.'

BRONZE MEDAL Ángela y los estragos del Alemán, Rosa María Ortiz; Construye tu libro; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Embrace this book as a guiding light for navigating the heart-wrenching journey of losing a parent to Alzheimer's disease.'

The Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book

- GOLD MEDAL** TSJ Tiempos sin Justicia, Luis Lugo Calderón; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Woodbridge NJ ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I absolutely enjoyed reading this!'
- SILVER MEDAL** Coloring into Existence: Queer of Color Worldmaking in Children's Literature, Isabel Millán; New York University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the best books I've read this year. We've needed the insights of this book for a long time.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Engage and Evade: How Latino Immigrant Families Manage Surveillance in Everyday Life, Asad L. Asad; Princeton University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Palestine; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, San Jose, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thank you for the personal insights you have captured.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** When the World Turned Upside Down: Politics, Culture, and the Unimaginable Events of 2019-2022, Luis Martinez-Fernandez; Peter Lang; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba ; The author(s) lives in: Orlando,FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sixty-six short political essays centering on Latino community experiences during Covid. Well organized.'

Best History Book

- GOLD MEDAL** LatinoLand, Marie Arana; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love that it looks as much at the souls and experiences of people as it does at accomplishments. '
- SILVER MEDAL** El jefe: Populismo y corrupción en el Puerto Rico de 1898, ; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Mammoth history that certain needs to be in the collection of everyone who love Puerto Rican history'
- BRONZE MEDAL** "There Are No Hispanic Stars!" Collected Writings of a Latino Film Critic in Hollywood, 1921-1939, Edited and translated by Colin Gunckel & Laura Isabel Serna; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Detroit, MI & Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well presented. Some of the writing style is dated to that period, but the content makes it worth going thru.'

Best Business Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Cultura & Cash, Giovanna Gonzalez; Greenleaf Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-American ; The author(s) lives in: Chicago,IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing book with a wealth of useful information.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Marketing Magic, Manuel Suarez; AGM Press Panamericana Formas e Impresos S.A.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Largo, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great business success story that shares how to achieve a lot with relatively little. Well presented. '
- BRONZE MEDAL** The Performance Paradox:Turning the Power of Mindset into Action, Eduardo Briceño; Ballantine Books, an imprint of Random House, a division of Penguin Random House LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: San Jose, CA, USA ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The performance Paradox is a must have book in your bookshelf or your digital library.'

Best Arts Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Reclaiming the Americas: Latinx Art and the Politics of Territory, Tatiana Reinoza; University of Texas Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Stevensville, MI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'For an academic book it is highly digestible content.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Rooted in Clay: El Arte de Verónica Castillo, Josie Méndez-Negrete, Designed by ash good; Conocimientos Press; ; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great to learn more about a legacy! Good easy read.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Hidden Art 2 , Jose Larraga ; ; ; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio TX ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Stories never told - an important book. Would make for a great documentary.'

Best Gift Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Colombia Secreta/ Unseen Colombia, Andrés Hurtado García; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful little book. Would make a much appreciated gift, for people interested in Colombia.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Nieves 55 años, Consuelo Lago; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is elegant and the graphics stupendous. The graphic artist is very clever and point-on with her "comments".'

Best Cookbook

- GOLD MEDAL** Arepas Around the World, Ximena Montilla Arreaza; Arraigo Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Everthing you need to know about arepas plus more! Would make for a great cooking show.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Cocina Ecuatoriana: De estudiante a maestro culinario, Marvin Baptista; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Quito, Ecuador; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Neat, interesting recipes. some ingredients may be hard to find.'

Best Reference Book

- GOLD MEDAL** 50 cómics que debes leer antes de morir, Salva Espín y Mario Olivera; Editorial Samarcanda (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I was very hooked in this book.'
- SILVER MEDAL** La lectura creadora, Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love this book. However, I feel this book needs to also be in an educational category.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Nueva novela histórica y crónicas de Indias en la narrativa de Abel Posse, Luz Nereida Lebrón; Editorial Santuario; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The organization of this book is great. Book is very written in a scholarly fashion.'

Best Self Transformation Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Get Rooted, Robyn Moreno; Hachette Go!; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Phenomenal read! Such a beautifully written and poignant story.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Cultura & Cash, Giovanna Gonzalez; Greenleaf Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-American ; The author(s) lives in: Chicago,IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Starts with personal financial management lessons and then goes into life lessons.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** 12 Trips in 12 Months, Jen Ruiz; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A fun relatable travel memoir.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Creating your limitless life... on your terms!, Dr. Esther Zeledón; Dean Publishing ; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua ; The author(s) lives in: Miami,FL ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent content on improving and creating a limitless life.'

Best Self Transformation Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** El inesperado regalo del trauma: Un guía para el crecimiento postraumático, Edith Shiro; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book offers good advice, good definitions, well-researched information and good exercises for the reader.'
- SILVER MEDAL** TDAH en el Adulto: La respuesta a todas tus preguntas, Juncal Sevilla; Universo de Letras (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I did learned something new and explored some situations with TDAH.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Pausa y sentido - Guía práctica para vivir con propósito y alcanzar la plenitud, Emily Atallah; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombiana; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It gives short yet concrete examples with clear phrasing.'

Best Health & Wellness Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Immigrant Health: Enhancing Integration & Global Wellness, Joachim O.F. Reimann, Ph.D. & Dolores I. Rodríguez-Reimann, Ph.D; Romo Books ; Ancestry of the author(s) Joachim - Berlin Germany ; Dolores - Piedras Negras Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Bonita, California ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Useful information for a much needed audience.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Los 7 secretos (a voces) de la salud: Descubre las claves, rompe las ataduras y consigue una salud de hierro, Miodrag Borges; Editorial Samarcanda (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'If seen in a bookstore, I would definitely pick it up and would be pleased with the content.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** No te pongas creativa: Guía básica sobre nutrición y alimentación en la infancia, Gabriela Hernández R. Vanessa Toledo P. Andrea Valenzuela L. ; Trayecto Editorial ; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile ; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great for 1st time parents.'

Best Parenting/Family Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Aprendiendo a Aprender, Ana Cadavid; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Pereira, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was a wonderful book with many real-life experiences which young people could relate to...'
- SILVER MEDAL** ¡Mama trabaja muchísimo!, Claudia Maldonado; ; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Orange County; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This would be a great book to use in elementary primary schools.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Mamá desobediente, Esther Vivas; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent insight on women's plight.'

Best Women's Issues Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Leaving Patriarchy Behind: One Woman's Journey, Leticia Aguilar; Austin Macauley Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Truckee, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book I could not put down at all - I did not expect this book to be so interesting or so relatable.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Nadia: De la violencia a la liberación, Marcela Sofía Jimenez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book truly brings perspective of what the life of a woman is like regardless of where she is.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Moving Forward: An Ordinary Puerto Rican Life, Yolanda Medina-Sánchez; Westwood Books Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, Tx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I would read this book over and over to instill and really allow the messages and advice to sink in.'

Best Religious Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Déjame contarte de Jesús, Liliana Santiago; Editorial Raices; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoy the way this author wrote the book, like she is speaking to the reader.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Saint Patrick: The Story of Saint Patrick- San Patricio, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This books draws the reader's attention because it explores the Christian story behind a well-known holiday.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Santo Toribio: Confesiones, Juan Casillas Núñez; La Perea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Once you read the first pages it is very engaging, it makes you feel to keep reading it.'

Best Spiritual Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Culpismo en el cielo, Marisela Odreman; Casa Editorial Pan House; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Barquisimeto, Estado Lara, Venezuela; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Motivational book, encouraging to push yourself. First hand experience from a mom who lost a child.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Ni tan paranormal, Diego Jerez; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A theme very wisely treated, loved by audiences.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Get Rooted, Robyn Moreno; Hachette Go!; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book for those that are open minded and not for the religious types who would probably not touch the book.'

Best Travel Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Senderos de vida y recuerdos: Día de Muertos en México, Mary J. Andrade; Salto al Reverso ; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador ; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'My favorite of all the books! It is gorgeously illustrated.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Colombia Secreta/ Unseen Colombia, Andrés Hurtado García; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful, beautiful, small hard covered book! Photographs are gorgeous.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** De La Tierra a La Luna en motocicleta 3, Emilio Scotto; Caligrama (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Downey, California; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great sense of humor with a combination of Latin roots and American famous names. Lots of laughs!'

Best Sports/Recreation Book

- GOLD MEDAL** 1962: Los secretos del mundial imposible, Enrique Covertto; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An extraordinary deep dive into a specific event which will appeal to Chileans, history buffs, and international soccer aficionados.'
- SILVER MEDAL** El olimpo de los olvidados, Carlos Barraza; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Es un libro muy interesnte para los amantes del futbol.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Martín Dihigo The Greatest Baseball Player You've Never Heard of, Darren López, Illustrated by Eric Kittelberger; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico and Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The retro-style illustrations are very much in keeping with the time when the subject of the book played baseball.'

C FICTION AWARDS

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – English

- GOLD MEDAL** A Taste of Chocolate, Rocky Barilla; Rosquete Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good storyline: could make for a good movie.'
- SILVER MEDAL** My Name Is Iris, Brando Skyhorse; Avid Reader Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: Bloomington; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good topic and storyline that could be adapted to make a good movie.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Street of Too Many Stories, Denise Chávez, Designed by ash good; Conocimientos Press; ; The author(s) lives in: La Cruces; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing carried me to that street in Encantada.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** The Great Divide, Cristina Henríquez; Ecco (HarperCollins); Ancestry of the author(s): COB: United States; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book would make an excellent mini-series.'

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** El cementerio de los cuentos sin contar, Julia Alvarez translated by Mercedes Guhi; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican; The author(s) lives in: Weybridge, VT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Voices that yell in a language resurrected by wonderful knowledge of craft. Excellence.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Sabiduría Familiar, Elizabeth Acevedo; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Delicious character development and family drama.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Obsesión: Ascensión Divina¹, Tercera Edición, Alexandra Roman; Publicaciones Lola; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Toa Baja, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Monumental effort. Include a table to identify main characters.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – English

- GOLD MEDAL** The Secret Emissary, Roberto de Haro; Gatekeeper Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is an excellent read. Very intriguing, suspenseful.'
- SILVER MEDAL** An American Immigrant, Johanna Rojas Vann; Waterbrook and Multnomah; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia ; The author(s) lives in: Nashville, TN ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved this book! Very inspiring, easy reading.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Brava, A Latina Lawyer's Path To Empowerment, Adriana Palomares; Balboa Press ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great characterization, I could easily visualize seeing this. Great descriptions.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Maktub, Paulo Coelho; HarperCollins Español; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Impossible not to read this book from beginning to end in one sitting.'
- SILVER MEDAL** El cementerio de los cuentos sin contar, Julia Alvarez translated by Mercedes Guhi; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican; The author(s) lives in: Weybridge, VT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love the centrality of storytelling--it becoming another character almost.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** ¡Hola bondad!, F. Isabel Campoy; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is such a nice book. I love the drawings.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** UN POETA EN GUERRA, Juan Carlos Andreu Ballester; NPQ (GRUPO SARGANTANA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Valencia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very interesting the use of photos. Great descriptive narration of Spain in time of war.'

Best Popular Fiction – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Huizache Women, Estella Gonzalez; Arte Público Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Interesting perspective on the full circle of this family life and dynamic. Very well done!'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Cementary of Untold Stories, Julia Alvarez; Algonquin Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Weybridge, VT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Julia Alvarez at her best. This is a masterclass in storytelling. The writing is prolific and profound.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Bethsabe of New York- A Chronology of Life & Love, Sonia I. Guzman-Rosario; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great testament to the personal impact of Covid. Great characters and story development.'

Best Popular Fiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Todo el mal necesario, Awilda Cáez; Editorial EDP University; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful journey to self-discovery. Absolutely loved this book!'
- SILVER MEDAL** Cielo, Enia Ruiz de Castroviejo Alvarez; Samarcanda (LANTIA); ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A heartfelt and impactful novel about the bonds people make in this life and beyond.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Las Peripecias Del Coronel, Sandra M. Colorado; País Invisible Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/Latina; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoyed this story. I liked how the mother took charge while her husband served in military, Iraq.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Love in War, Stewart Lytle; Reef It; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Dallas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Cusp of WW II' story compelling and engaging. Writer draws you into the story immediately.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Talon Princess, J.C Rose; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: Aguadilla, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excelent book.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** SOL NEGRO, Laura Tarragó; CALIGRAMA; Ancestry of the author(s): ESPAÑA, BARCELONA, 1970; The author(s) lives in: Bahia, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A page turning adventure story that kept me awake late into the night. Brilliant.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Confesiones Desde el Abismo, Jorge Ancizar Mejia; PanHouse- Casa editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, Fl; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good read. I can see this as a movie.'
- SILVER MEDAL** UN POETA EN GUERRA, Juan Carlos Andreu Ballester; NPQ (GRUPO SARGANTANA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Valencia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A delightful read. Very well written and crafted. Kept me engaged throughout.'

- BRONZE MEDAL El secreto del doctor francés, Martín Macouzet García, designed by Alberto Campos Macouzet; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Montreal, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A gorgeously written novel. Truly enjoyable. Future reader: You are in for a treat.'
- BRONZE MEDAL P.U.Z.Z.L.E. Parte 1- "El divo, la doña, el gober y yo", Joaquin Vodanovich; Twola Heads Entertainment Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Super entertaining detective from the beginning with clear explanations of each character. Fun reading!'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English

- GOLD MEDAL Love in War, Stewart Lytle; Reef It; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Dallas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I couldn't put this book down. One of the best, I have already recommend it.'
- SILVER MEDAL Antonio, A Mexican Boy and His Stories, Jesse Natal Sanchez, Designed by ash good; Conocimientos Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent description of White racism in Texas, especially regarding schools.'
- BRONZE MEDAL The Bullet Swallower, Elizabeth Gonzalez James; Simon & Schuster; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent creativity and story development. Superior writing skills bring the characters to life. Captivating story.'
- BRONZE MEDAL The Secret Emissary, Roberto de Haro; Gatekeeper Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Really enjoyed this. A fascinating story.'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Neruda y su laberinto pasional, Verónica Ormachera G.; Grupo Editorial Pigmalión ; Ancestry of the author(s): EEUU / BOLIVIA ; The author(s) lives in: LA PAZ, BOLIVIA ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully written book and well researched as well.'
- SILVER MEDAL Amor en Guerra, Stewart Lytle; Reef It; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Dallas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent story, well written and a plot that is catchy from head to toe.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Perlas plásticas, Sandra Guerra; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderfully constructed story, with a beautiful narrative and catchy focus. The history told keeps you captive from the beginning.'

Best Novel - Mystery – English

- GOLD MEDAL The House in the Pines, Ana Reyes; Dutton, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: East Hampton; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good mystery novel. Liked how it unraveled the past and put together the pieces in the present.'
- SILVER MEDAL The Silence in her Eyes, Armando Lucas Correa; Atria Books, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Cuba; The author(s) lives in: NYC, Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The last 20 pages were fast pace that ended in a surprising event that restored her sight. It was a credible story.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Even When You Lie, Michelle Cruz; Crooked Lane Books / Alcove Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I can see this novel as a Netflix movie.'

Best Novel - Mystery – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Estás Viva: Caso #127, Gemma M. Azuar; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great read. Experienced a range of emotions.'
- SILVER MEDAL Puerta Blanca; El Secreto, Ángeles Cantero; Editorial Samarcanda (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Engaging beginning and well developed/evolution of story. Design and layout easy on the reader.'
- BRONZE MEDAL M7:15 El regreso de Dios, Samuel Belilty; Katel Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Israel, Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It has capturing beginning. It's a promising book for this category.'
- BRONZE MEDAL SOL NEGRO, Laura Tarragó; CALIGRAMA; Ancestry of the author(s): ESPAÑA, BARCELONA, 1970; The author(s) lives in: Bahia, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Keeps you wondering what next. The way they intergrate the history of a civilization, cultural ways into how society is functioning today.'

Best Novel - Fantasy

- GOLD MEDAL Ravelno (Tomo 1. Primera parte), Moisés Patón Rodríguez; Editorial Alecrión; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: València; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book kept me in suspense. I am looking forward to continue reading the second part.'
- SILVER MEDAL Virtus Draconis: Precio en Sangre, Edi Álvarez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Charlotte, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Stands out as an epic fantasy work with a fascinating and well-structured plot that captures the reader's imagination.'
- SILVER MEDAL Xie-toc, Hija del agua, Adalberto Agudelo Duque, Illustrated by Laura Mejia; Ipponzote, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Manizales; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is based on a Colombian legend. Well written.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Las Llaves de Épsilon, Manuel González Rozas; SIETCH Ediciones ; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile ; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, región metropolitana ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Easy book to read and lot of magic.'

Best Novel - Science-Fiction

- GOLD MEDAL La Tercera Rebelión, J. Del Trono; Entre Mundos; Ancestry of the author(s): San Juan, Puerto Rico.; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Illustration and design for this book is well done. The illustrations in the novel help give life to the incredible post-apocalyptic novel.'
- SILVER MEDAL Imitador, Ricardo Lizana Cortes; Manticora Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Illapel; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the cyber punk descriptions of nanobot wars.'
- BRONZE MEDAL La Fortaleza, Javi Zanelli; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Science Fiction from a point of view a creative author.'

Best Novel - Romance

- GOLD MEDAL Love in War, Stewart Lytle; Reef It; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Dallas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book.'
- SILVER MEDAL Flor de Saúco, Carmen Palliser; MilAmores (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Gran Canaria; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent novel, wide selection of characters. Amazing history with many turns with life issues.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Amanda, Angélica León; MilAmores (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia ; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great novel, keeps you reading with lots of unexpected turns with romance, tragedy and love.'

BRONZE MEDAL Mi Lady Godiva, Andrea Muñoz Majarrez; MilAmores (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España ; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love this novel, the writing style is easy to read, is engaging, clear and at a moderate place.'

Best Graphic Novel

GOLD MEDAL Arcagen, Diego Zuñiga; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Quebec, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting and fun novel to read. I particularly liked that children were on their own and making decisions to survive.'

SILVER MEDAL Daizee & the Dukes of Chuco: Chuco-Juárez World Rally, author, Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, illustrator: Ronnie Dukes, Spanish translation: Monika Granados; DUKES comics; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicana; The author(s) lives in: Chaparral, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed reading this book. I loved that family and friends came together to battle a big corporation.'

BRONZE MEDAL Monster Matador Vol.1, Steven Prince, Fabio Alves, Alex Zief, Dr. Theresa Rojas; 2510 Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I liked that the author gave some ground information of how he came to create the Matador.'

Best Collection of Short Stories – English

GOLD MEDAL THE FARAWAY WORLD, Patricia Engel; Avid Reader Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/COLOMBIA; The author(s) lives in: MIAMI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Powerful writing. Strong imagery. Great command of her characters and their stories.'

SILVER MEDAL Loteria, Cynthia Pelayo; Agora Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Cover art draws you into the stories. Well written.'

BRONZE MEDAL THE RIVER RUNS: STORIES, Thomas Ray García; PRICKLY PEAR PUBLISHING; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: MCALLEN,TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very descriptive stories. Feels like you're in the stories themselves.'

Best Collection of Short Stories – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Hell's Got Talent y otros cuentos, Ariel F. Cambrero; Ediciones Nudo Sin Fin; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: San Jose; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Kept me captivated and stories made me want to keep reading until I was finished.'

SILVER MEDAL Cruentos, J.A. Carretón Marquez; Samarcanda (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing illustration and stories. Kept me interested and wanted more.'

BRONZE MEDAL Hilos de ensueño, Teresa Campos Del Castillo; Lector Disléxico; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Obsessed with the cover art and stories are great length.'

Best Fiction - Horror

GOLD MEDAL Planeta Zombie, Aldo Berríos; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has a great compilation of short stories of suspense and horror.'

SILVER MEDAL Shadow Drive, Nolan Cubero; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Spine tingling page turner. Engaging, relatable characters.'

BRONZE MEDAL The Shoemaker's Magician, Cynthia Pelayo; Agora Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The characters are believable ones who audiences can connect with.'

D EBOOKS & AUDIO AWARDS

Best eBook

GOLD MEDAL Una arepa por el mundo, Ximena Montilla Arreaza, illustrated by Ira León; Arraigo Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a great edition, super interesting information, enjoyable way of writing and setting up the book.'

Best Audiobook

GOLD MEDAL La niña no supo lo que pasó, Franchesca M. Soto; PanHouse; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story was very moving.'

SILVER MEDAL The Awesome Doggy Book- in a Nutshell, Success Coach Liz; Findaway Voices; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: La Uruca San José; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was such a cute story. The narrator seemed so upbeat.'

BRONZE MEDAL Autobiografía de un Yogui, Paramahansa Yogananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was an interesting topic. The narration was a little slow but very calming based on the narrators voice.'

E PORTUGUESE AWARDS

Best Children's Picture Book in Portuguese

GOLD MEDAL O mundo de Tito, Maria Lair Sabóia ; ASES DE LITERATURA; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Recife, Brazil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A Hallmark Classic would be movie. Real stories that our children should see and read about...'

SILVER MEDAL Twas the Night Before Christmas- 200th Anniversary Edition/ A mágica noite de Natal, Clement Clarke Moore, Sally Veillette, translated by Giovanna Heloisa; Pop the Cork Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Albany & East Chatham, New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I kept thinking of a movie, like Peter Pan and such.'

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese

GOLD MEDAL La Reine Marie Kirmizi, Patrícia Maria Silveira de Albuquerque Maranhão; Editora PoloBooks; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil ; The author(s) lives in: Sao Paulo ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is well planned, created, and presented.'

SILVER MEDAL Minha Historia Com Romeu, Noemi V.S. De Paula; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It's a story that is well presented.'

Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese

GOLD MEDAL Pródromos, Bruno Colares; Astrolábio Ediciones ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasil; The author(s) lives in: Belo Horizonte ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Pródromos is a stunning work, blending beauty and pain in its stories with remarkable finesse.'

- SILVER MEDAL IATROGENIA - Um erro fatal, Wilson José Couto; VISEU; Ancestry of the author(s): BRAZIL; The author(s) lives in: SAÕ PAULO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The prose is engaging, the dialogues are convincing, and the story flows with a great rhythm, making it a page-turner.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Minha Historia Com Romeu, Noemi V.S. De Paula; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Saõ Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Its engaging prose and joyful tone make it perfect for anyone seeking pleasant entertainment.'

F DESIGN & MARKETING AWARDS

Best Cover Design

- GOLD MEDAL Xie-toc, Hija del agua, Adalberto Agudelo Duque, Illustrated by Laura Mejia; Ipponzote, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Manizales; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful cover design.'
- SILVER MEDAL Mexican Bird, Luis Lopez-Maldonado, illustrated by Mia V. Espinoza; Querencia Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice cover design.'
- BRONZE MEDAL El murmullo de los perdidos, Alejandra Diaz; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Osorno, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful simplicity. Captures your attention immediately.'

Best Cover Illustration or Photo

- GOLD MEDAL Senderos de vida y recuerdos: Dia de Muertos en México, Mary J. Andrade; Salto al Reverso ; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador ; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Book is a captivating collection of Mexican Day of the Dead ceremonies from different locations.'
- SILVER MEDAL MAIKAI; La Belleza Invisible , Cristina Expósito Escalona, illustrated by Silvia Alvarez; Alaestrella Editorial ; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain, Cádiz / La Ceiba in Honduras; The author(s) lives in: Seville / Málaga; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very colorful cover page.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Vámonos: Los Angeles, Illustrated by Ana Godinez; Lil' Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): ilustrator is born in the u.s.a with mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Orange County; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent illustrations.'

Best Interior Design

- GOLD MEDAL Pepita Meets Bebita, Ruth Behar and Gabriel Frye-Behar; Alfred A. Knopf; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA; The author(s) lives in: Ann Arbor, MI & New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very cute story. Relatable, witty and endearing. I am a sucker for dog stories.'
- SILVER MEDAL Monumento Nostalgia, Richard Rivera- Cardona; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The design makes this book a perfect gift book.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Chickens Don't Go Meow!, Las gallinas no hacen miau!, Susana Illera Martínez and Julia A. Davis, Illustrated by Erica Leigh; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author (s): Colombia & Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL & Birmingham, AL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great realistic illustrations. Nicely done'

Best Use of Photos or Illustrations Inside a Book

- GOLD MEDAL Maximiliano, siempre seras lo máximo , Nana & Nina, ilustradora:Evablu; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Yabucoa,PR; The author(s) lives in: Kingsport, Tennessee; Humacao, PR. ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations are resplendent.'
- SILVER MEDAL Dejaré de ser San Pedrito, Ángela María Flecha Flecha, Illustrated by Dasnel René Rosario López and Ángela María Flecha Flecha; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Humacao, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful story of self discovery; finding the beauty within. The artwork is refined and colorful.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Saori y Anani, dos amigas imparables salvan el planeta, Antonella Victoria Pervil Caligari / Illustrated by author ; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Love that it is written by an eight year old.'

Best Author Video Promoting a Book

- GOLD MEDAL Xie-toc, Hija del agua, Adalberto Agudelo Duque, Illustrated by Laura Mejia; Ipponzote, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Manizales; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good handling of the colors in the campaign, very striking and in line with the book. The website is very well designed and maintained.'
- SILVER MEDAL Cuentos para morir mañana, Urayoán Enrique, Richard Rivera; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Arroyo, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I like the video. Sounds interesting.'

Best Website Promoting a Book

- GOLD MEDAL Virtus Draconis: Precio en Sangre, Edi Álvarez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Charlotte, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great website. like that the theme is carried out throughout the website and the book.'
- SILVER MEDAL Latinx Shakespeares: Staging US Intracultural Theater, Carla Della Gatta; University of Michigan Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Washington, D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really like this website, it looks great and had good content. I think it is a great idea and will follow them.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Xie-toc, Hija del agua, Adalberto Agudelo Duque, Illustrated by Laura Mejia; Ipponzote, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Manizales; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a very good web site. It is very colorful and it shows that the author put time into this website.'

G TRANSLATION AWARDS

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English

- GOLD MEDAL The Young Teacher and the Great Serpent, Irene Vasco, Translated by Lawrence Schimel; Eerdmans Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia, Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very attractive book with gorgeous illustrations. It translates beautifully.'

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Vuela con Maytai, Teri Weber, Translated by Gabriella Aldeman; Elva Resa Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Puerto Rico, Panama, Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Colorado Springs, CO & Fairfax, VA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful contextually translation that capture the essence of the story and rhyme in both languages'
- SILVER MEDAL ¡Boogie en el BRONX!, Jackie Azúa Kramer; Barefoot Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican ; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the rhyming and good rhythm of the book.'

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - Spanish to English

GOLD MEDAL Dr.Pren and the Secret of the Formula, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Vocabulary was easy for young adults to understand!'

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - English to Spanish

GOLD MEDAL El misterio del clóset mágico, María Pérez-Gómez, translated by Ruby La Cruz; Berry Powell Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Buffalo, NY ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful book! The translation was well written and kept the spirit of the original alive.'

SILVER MEDAL Rescate en la isla, Minda Gomez; MoGo Multimedia; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis, MN; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I give this book the maximum in translation because in my opinion, it flows better in Spanish than in the original English.'

BRONZE MEDAL Lo que le contó el jaguar, Alexandra V. Méndez, translated by Ariadna Molinari; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican, USA; The author(s) lives in: New York NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Neautiful Narration, use of names for animals that regionales to Mexico.'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

GOLD MEDAL Ponerse Viejo en otro idioma, Yadira Viera Cedeño, Design by Francys Alvarez, Yaciara Márquez, Victor Dariel Rodríguez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, Georgia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This translation reads like the English version of a story told by the author...'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Incansable: Mi historia de la fuerza latina que está transformando a los Estados Unidos, Luis A. Miranda & Richard Wolffe; Hachette Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It reads as if a native speaker and culturally competent writer wrote it and translated it.'

SILVER MEDAL Una niñez entre palmeras, Rita M. Gardner, translated by Edgar Smith and Amanda Fleites; Books&Smith; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: California; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great translation.'

BRONZE MEDAL La Vida es Una Novela Escritos sobre Literatura, G.k. Chesterton/Gustavo Arango; Editorial Universidad de Antioquia; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The terms are precise and well chosen, the prose flows naturally as if it was written originally in Spanish.'

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

GOLD MEDAL How to Be a Good Savage and Other Poems, Mikeas Sánchez, Translated by Wendy Call and Shook; Milkweed Editions; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Ajway, Chiapas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a piece of ART!, beautifully written and translated, beautifully edited, carefully designed. What a beautiful book!'

SILVER MEDAL You Dreamed of Empires: A Novel, Álvaro Enrigue, translated by Natasha Wimmer; Penguin Random House, Riverhead Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Catalanian; The author(s) lives in: New York, New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Translation is excellent.'

BRONZE MEDAL Nightfall, Roberto Gil de Mares, illustrated by Carla Avelar, translated by Rosemary Clark; Grupo Editorial Sial Pigmaton; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful edition in both languages. Superb writing of the author.'

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

GOLD MEDAL El cementerio de los cuentos sin contar, Julia Alvarez translated by Mercedes Guhi; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican; The author(s) lives in: Montpelier, Vermont; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very good translation of another of Julia Alvarez's wonderful novels.'

SILVER MEDAL Sabiduría Familiar, Elizabeth Acevedo; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Translation is well done and followed all the way through.'

H THE MARIPOSA AWARDS

Best First Book - Children & Youth

GOLD MEDAL Entre Amigos/ Between Friends, Juliana Hernandez and Elena Gaona, Illustrated by Ely Ely; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great social emotional connection-words of character building; Friendship words to focus.'

SILVER MEDAL Super Peanut and the Big Bully The Power of Kindness/Súper Cacahuete y EL Gran Bully El Poder de La Bondad, Bronx Baeza, Illustrated by Juan Calle; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good teaching tool for social emotional learning.'

BRONZE MEDAL Dejaré de ser San Pedrito, Ángela María Flecha Flecha, Illustrated by Dasnel René Rosario López and Ángela María Flecha Flecha; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Humacao, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Endearing tale and scientific facts about the bird known as San Pedrito. A good lesson to love and accept yourself.'

BRONZE MEDAL Kissed by the Sun, Brenda Arce; DREAM JUPITER; Ancestry of the author(s): Texas (birth) / Puerto Rico (ancestry); The author(s) lives in: MIAMI, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nicely written. Easy to comprehend. Great images/visuals. Positive cultural connections and language.'

Best First Book - Nonfiction – English

GOLD MEDAL Life is Art, A Chicano's Groundbreaking Life in Film, Pepe Serna; Biller Content; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the story, the pictures/paintings of his beliefs & feelings through his art as an actor, painter, mentor, friend and advocate.'

SILVER MEDAL First Gen: A Memoir, Alejandra Campoverdi; Grand Central Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Explores the often hidden costs of being a trailblazer.'

BRONZE MEDAL American Negra, Natasha S. Alford; HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): United States/PR; The author(s) lives in: NY City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good topic, great insight & examples of the push pull of being Afro-Latinidad.'

Best First Book - Nonfiction – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Santo Toribio, Confesiones, Juan Casillas Núñez; La Perea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Drew me in right away. Interesting and easy to read.'

SILVER MEDAL Through the Door / Cuentos de Casa, Flora Gamez Grateron; Wheatmark; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, Arizona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It's beautifully written. From the first paragraph I was sold.'

BRONZE MEDAL La rueda de los 8 miedos del emprendedor, Celia Soonets Paulucci; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina/Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Santo Domingo, RD; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'We need more business books like this in Spanish.'

The Nora de Hoyos Comstock Best First Book - Fiction – English

- GOLD MEDAL** An American Immigrant, Johanna Rojas Vann; Waterbrook and Multnomah; ; The author(s) lives in: Nashville, TN ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is an easy enjoyable read on what a woman may experience as an immigrant.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Witches of El Paso, Luis Jaramillo; Atria Books, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this book and laughed so much. This book can easily lead to entire series of the witches.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Brava, A Latina Lawyer's Path To Empowerment, Adriana Palomares; Balboa Press ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really liked this book from the beginning to the end. There are many books about Mexican families crossing the border, but this one is a story about breaking stereotypes and obstacles.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Isla vulnerable, Ivan Luiz Hernandez; Sociumship; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami & Cleveland; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was very descriptive and you felt like you were living the experience. It made you feel.'

The Nora de Hoyos Comstock Best First Book - Fiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** El puerto, Ana C Blum; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador/ U.S.A; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, Arizona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'While each story can stand independently, I appreciate how the author has woven them together in such a brilliant way.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Luliette, Freddy Vergara Suárez ; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bucaramanga ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is enjoyable for contemporary literature enthusiasts.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** La muerte del aire (cuentos), Natalia Victoria Galindo; Pais Invisible ; Ancestry of the author(s): Nac Colombia, residencia Puerto Rico, Asc España; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations for this book are absolutely breathtaking, they add emotion to the stories.'

I THEMED AWARDS

The Dolores Huerta Best Cultural & Community Themed Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** First Gen: A Memoir, Alejandra Campoverdi; Grand Central Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Unite States, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fabulous!!! Alejandra delivers an inspiring, true story.'
- SILVER MEDAL** L.A. Interchanges: A Brown & Queer Archival Memoir, Lydia R. Otero; Planet Earth Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's L.A. journey in the 70s and 80s give an excellent look at a history that is otherwise forgotten.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Power of Latino Leadership Ahora!, Juana Bandas; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaraguan; The author(s) lives in: Denver; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extremely positive writing that should be a winning formula for latino success.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** ÓYEME, Jessica Diaz; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: The Bronx, New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a powerful voice for Nuyorican Latinas. It beautifully captures what it takes to be self-empowered.'

The Dolores Huerta Best Cultural & Community Themed Book – Spanish or Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** El murmullo de los perdidos, Alejandra Diaz; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Osorno, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great majestic book. I loved the Spanish language and its interpretations to illusions, I highly recommend this captivating book.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Senderos de vida y recuerdos: Dia de Muertos en México, Mary J. Andrade; Salto al Reverso ; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador ; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I LOVED how the author features various regions celebrating the day. Very thorough explanation.'

Best LGBTQ+ Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Coloring into Existence: Queer of Color Worldmaking in Children's Literature, Isabel Millán; New York University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the best books I've read this year. We've needed the insights of this book for a long time.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Sara, todo va a estar bien, Antonia Moreno; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful story. Sent me through various emotions. Very well done.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** I Hunt For Stars Alone: A Novel, Ricardo Quintana-Vallejo; North Meridian Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Providence, RI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extraordinary story cleverly formatted'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Sordidez, E.G. Condé; Stelliform Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent fantasy story of survival, hope, forgiveness and love.'

The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Educational Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Gentrification and Bilingual Education: A Texas Twbe School Across Seven Years, Deborah K. Palmer & Suzanne Garcia- Mateus; Lexington Books; ; The author(s) lives in: Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written and fact based.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Sekolí. Elaboración Tradicional, Flor Esther Morales Moreno; Ediciones del Azar A.C.; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Chihuahua,MX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A book that preserves ancient traditions and gives a glimpse of an ancient art in its original language.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Aprendiendo a Aprender, Ana Cadavid; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Pereira, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The learning strategies are well presented in a clear and concise manner.'

Best Academic Themed Book, College Level – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Ready Player Juan: Latinx Masculinities and Stereotypes in Video Games, Carlos Gabriel Kelly González; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States The author(s) lives in: Houston; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'GREAT book for anyone wanting to increase the diversity of games and characters within the huge Gaming Industry.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Making the Latino South: A History of Racial Formation, Cecilia Márquez; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Raleigh NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written as only one who had lived some of the experiences could.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Latinx Guide to Graduate School, Genevieve Negrón-Gonzales & Magdalena L.Barrera; Duke University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, San Jose; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This wonderful book will hopefully increase the number of Latinos going to & finishing grad school.'

BRONZE MEDAL Listening to Laredo: A Border City in a Globalized Age, Mehnaaz Momen; The University of Arizona Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Laredo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The type of book every Latino community needs.'

BRONZE MEDAL Nuclear Nuevo México, Myriah Gómez; The University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Nuevomexicana from The Pojoaque Valley; The author(s) lives in: Los Lunas, New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such a good historical context of colonialism and trauma within the environmental racism of indigenous & Latinx communities.'

Best Academic Themed Book, College Level – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Manuel Jala: Un afrocampechano ataca la esclavitud en la Boston colonial, Beatriz Carolina Peña; Academia Colombiana de Historia; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Covers the life and achievements of an Afro-Latino in colonial Boston. The details the author has uncovered are amazing.'

SILVER MEDAL OntoPsiquis, más allá del eneagrama y el psicoanálisis: Obras Completas - Todo sobre los tipos de personalidad, Dr. Aníbal P. Santoro & Dra. Claudia Behn - Eschenburg; THINSCEN The Inner Strengthening Center- Publishing House; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina, Italy; The author(s) lives in: Doral-Condado de Miami-Dade; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

BRONZE MEDAL Nueva novela historia y crónicas de Indias en la narrativa de Abel Posse, Luz Nereida Lebrón; Editorial Santuario; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) live in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, "

Best Book About Military Service

GOLD MEDAL Las Peripecias Del Coronel, Sandra M. Colorado; País Invisible Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/Latina; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I found it interesting that a Puerto Rican found himself serving in Iraq, well written!'

Best Latina Themed Book

GOLD MEDAL Todo el mal necesario, Awilda Cáez; Editorial EDP University; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An inviting novel about self exploration, urban living and loneliness.'

SILVER MEDAL El arte de vestir a la mexicana, Carolina Mojica Perzaval; Multilibros; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Pittsburgh; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful celebration of Mexican fashion...'

BRONZE MEDAL CAER ME HIZO FUERTE: "Cerrando círculos me sano", Frannitalia Palacios, Designer Diana Nieto; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Antioch, TN; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a beacon of hope for every woman facing domestic violence.'

BRONZE MEDAL CREEP, Myriam Gurba; Avid Reader Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: Pasadena; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Astonishing collection of real life vignettes and personal anecdotes.'

Luis Valdez Best Play or Collection of Plays

GOLD MEDAL Concordia: Obra Teatral Psicológica y Criminal, Kary R.S.; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Carolina PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Congratulations on writing such an eloquent drama; not only is it deeply psychological, but it is well structured as a play.'

SILVER MEDAL El café nuestro de cada día, Olga Vega Fontáñez; Editorial Raíces; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Carolina; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the social approach to the themes in this collection of plays. The language of the characters is of great linguistic and cultural value.'

J POETRY AWARDS

Best Children's & Youth Poetry Book

GOLD MEDAL La Reina de Los Tres Pelos, Lucía Henares Montesinos; Mr. MOMO (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book tackles a serious subject - Cancer - and makes it a reason to hope for recovery and strength.'

SILVER MEDAL Dried Lavender & Sage: Poems As I Grow, Julia Rae Rodriguez; Skillful and Soulful Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The language word choice is on point. It is definitely a book about growing up. It is honest.'

SILVER MEDAL Todos los días fiesta, Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy; Velazquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sarasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the rhyming and the way it shows the family participating in all of them.'

BRONZE MEDAL El ave rara, Elena Busse; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Letonia; The author(s) lives in: Cádiz, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story presents a very interesting topic-self acceptance. The word choice is excellent.'

The Juan Felipe Herrera Best Poetry Book Award - One Author – Bilingual

GOLD MEDAL My AfroRican State Of Soul, A Journey of Identidad, Struggle, Love and Faith, Lucas Rivera; World Stage Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I liked the QR code link to watch the author perform the poems live.'

SILVER MEDAL HAMPI, River Coello; For the Birds Trapped in Airports; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Orlando, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful design. Love the three languages. The pictures are beautiful.'

BRONZE MEDAL Generaciones, Danilo Lopez-Roman; Valparaiso Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FLORIDA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very nice language usage.'

The Juan Felipe Herrera Best Poetry Book Award - One Author – English

GOLD MEDAL Living in Phases, Leisly Ann Roman; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Gorgeous cover with calligraphy title. Love her voice.'

SILVER MEDAL Love(ly) Child, Emanuel Xavier; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Staten Island, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Pieces such as Growing up Ungodly, Milk, Juvenile--riveting!!!!'

BRONZE MEDAL Infidelis, Vincent Cooper; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Latino(Chicano); The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was such an unexpected gem!!! This piece hit me in so many ways.'

BRONZE MEDAL Loteria, Esteban Rodriguez; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'So vivid! Using the loteria cards brought the poetry closer to home.'

BRONZE MEDAL Muse Found in a Colonized Body, Yesenia Montilla; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Every emotion covered - I laughed out loud, superb writing.'

BRONZE MEDAL The Exiled Moon, Naomi Helena Quiñonez; Xlibris; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Oakland; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Exquisite cover by New Mexico artist Pola Lopez. I love the celestial theme, style, and content of this work.'

The Juan Felipe Herrera Best Poetry Book Award - One Author – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Visitas Inesperadas, Ariadna Sánchez Hernández; Alegría Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Oaxaca,MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The best book that I have read in a long time.'

SILVER MEDAL YO SOY A QUIEN TU AMAS, Jose Larraga; Café con Leche Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Each poem is accompanied by an illustration that serves as a visual representation of the poem.'

BRONZE MEDAL Malamañosa, Natalie Rosario Ruiz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Born in Killeen, Texas and Grew up in Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Carolina, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations are very nice, and the font selection is excellent.'

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

GOLD MEDAL Vivas las queremos: Voces del mundo contra el feminicidio, Patricia Schaefer Röder; Ediciones Scriba NYC; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela, Germany; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book.'

Best Poetry Anthology Book

GOLD MEDAL Ceguera, allí estarás (Antología personal), Jeannette L. Clariond, illustrator Éric Pérez; Nueva York Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Lebanese; The author (s) lives in: Monterrey, N.L. México; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fine book. Edition is very good.'

SILVER MEDAL Hijas de América Latina, Sandra Guzmán ed.; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book. Excellent voices.'

Best Audio Presentation of One or More Poems

GOLD MEDAL El león y el ratón, Elena Busse; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Letonia; The author(s) lives in: Cádiz, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The high-quality audio and professional editing enhance the viewing experience, while the language used is clear, concise, and free of errors.'

SILVER MEDAL Still: A Collection of Poetry, Renzo Del Castillo; Indie Earth Publishing Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Miami, Fl; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The poems create a profound connection with readers, transcending cultural and geographical boundaries.'

Best Video Presentation of One or More Poems

GOLD MEDAL Tal Vez, Carolina Mosquera Viggiani; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, Fl; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Video is very engaging.'