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The 2026 International Latino Book Awards Celebrates The Rising Number of Quality Books By and About Latinos

By Kirk Whisler

The 28th annual International Latino Book Awards, October 3rd at CSUSM was a true celebration of the many quality fiction, nonfiction, children's and poetry books being produced by Latino authors across the USA and around the world. We had authors and publishers traveling from at least 14 countries around the world. There was so much power and excitement in the room because of all the recognition that authors were receiving. The Rising Stars for 2026 were the NonFiction Award to Bella Martínez for her heartfelt biography; the Fiction Award to Charles Gomez for a book that makes people want to see it as a movie; The Children's Award to Enrique Baeza for his impactful and timely book for children and adults; and the Poetry Award to 52 migrant students from the Antelope Valley for heartfelt and culturally significant writing. This event will be remembered as the largest celebration of diverse literature in the USA this year. To learn more about the Awards and participating in any of our programs, go to www.LatinoBooks.org

The International Latino Book Awards, which have been produced by Empowering Latino Futures since 1998, provide great insights into the evolution of books. From the 292 judges who reviewed this year's entries the most common comment from these judges was how wonderful it is to see so many quality books by and about Latinos. The book publishing industry is in the midst of evolving, like many other industries. What is unfortunate here in the USA is that we are not looking to Mexico for more insights on reading trends. The Guadalajara Feria Internacional del Libro has grown to where it is now the LARGEST book event in the world, with almost a million attendees. We can learn a lot from what Mexico is doing to increase the number of serious readers. At the same time, here in the USA, more major publishers are welcoming Latino authors and expanding their offerings in both English and Spanish.

This year's partners include AARP, Amazon Literary Partnership, American Library Association, AVID Behavioral Day Program, CABE, CalNonprofits, California State University San Bernardino, Felix's BBQ, Foundation Mixtecos Unidos, Growing Minds, Independent Book Publishers Association, Las Comadres, MiraCosta College, National Association of Hispanic Publications, Palomar College, Sacramento Progressive Communities, San Diego County, SDG&E, Somos el Poder, TrueCare, UnidosUS, Universidad Popular, Valley High Health Tech Academy, and VCC.

Empowering Latino Futures takes the responsibility very meaningfully that it has working with books by and about Latinos AND in the quality of those books. That is why, in addition to recognizing the greatness of these Award-Winning Books, Honorable Mention books are also celebrated. All these books are also worth reading and enjoying.

Since its founding in 1997, Empowering Latino Futures has held 79 Latino Book & Family Festivals around the USA; Honored over 4,000 books with the Int'l Latino Book Awards; Reaches monthly 48,500 people with our bilingual North County Informador Magazine; Provided 310,000+ books to underserved youth with Education Begins in the Home; Works with 1,100+ authors and publishers with our Int'l Society of Latino Authors; and Honored 199 books and scripts with our Latino Books into Movies Awards.

Los International Latino Book Awards 2026 celebran el creciente número de libros de calidad escritos por y sobre latinos

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Los 28.º Premios Internacionales Anuales del Libro Latino, celebrados el 3 de octubre en CSUSM, fueron una verdadera celebración de los numerosos libros de ficción, no ficción, infantiles y de poesía de gran calidad que están produciendo autores latinos en todo EE. UU. y en todo el mundo. Tuvimos autores y editores que viajaron desde al menos 14 países de todo el mundo. Había tanta fuerza y entusiasmo en la sala debido a todo el reconocimiento que estaban recibiendo los autores. Las Estrellas Emergentes de 2026 fueron el Premio de No Ficción para Bella Martínez por su sentida biografía; el Premio de Ficción para Charles Gomez por un libro que hace que la gente quiera verlo convertido en una película; el Premio Infantil para Enrique Baeza por su impactante y oportuno libro para niños y adultos; y el Premio de Poesía para 52 estudiantes migrantes del Antelope Valley por sus escritos conmovedores y culturalmente significativos. Este evento será recordado como la mayor celebración de la literatura diversa en EE. UU. este año. Para obtener más información sobre los Premios y participar en cualquiera de nuestros programas, visite www.LatinoBooks.org

Los International Latino Book Awards, producidos por Empowering Latino Futures desde 1998, ofrecen una gran perspectiva sobre la evolución de los libros. De los 292 jueces que revisaron las obras inscritas este año, el comentario más común fue lo maravilloso que resulta ver tantos libros de calidad escritos por y sobre latinos. La industria de la edición de libros se encuentra en plena evolución, al igual que muchas otras industrias. Desafortunadamente, aquí en los EE. UU. no estamos mirando hacia México para obtener más perspectivas sobre las tendencias de lectura. La Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (FIL) ha crecido hasta convertirse en el evento del libro MÁS GRANDE del mundo, con casi un millón de asistentes. Podemos aprender mucho de lo que México está haciendo para aumentar el número de lectores serios. Al mismo tiempo, aquí en los EE. UU., más editoriales importantes están dando la bienvenida a autores latinos y expandiendo sus ofertas tanto en inglés como en español.

Los socios de este año incluyen a AARP, Amazon Literary Partnership, American Library Association, AVID Behavioral Day Program, CABE, CalNonprofits, la Universidad Estatal de California en San Bernardino, Felix's BBQ, Fundación Mixtecos Unidos, Growing Minds, Independent Book Publishers Association, Las Comadres, MiraCosta College, National Association of Hispanic Publications, Palomar College, Sacramento Progressive Communities, el condado de San Diego, SDG&E, Somos el Poder, TrueCare, UnidosUS, Universidad Popular, Valley High Health Tech Academy y VCC.

Empowering Latino Futures asume con mucha seriedad la responsabilidad que tiene al trabajar con libros por y sobre latinos, así como la calidad de dichos libros. Es por eso que, además de reconocer la grandeza de estos libros galardonados, también se celebran los libros con Mención Honorífica. Todos estos libros merecen ser leídos y disfrutados.
Desde su fundación en 1997, Empowering Latino Futures ha llevado a cabo 79 festivales del libro y la familia latina (Latino Book & Family Festivals) en todo Estados Unidos; ha honrado a más de 4,000 libros con los International Latino Book Awards; llega mensualmente a 48,500 personas con nuestra revista bilingüe North County Informador Magazine; ha donado más de 310,000 libros a jóvenes de comunidades vulnerables a través de Education Begins in the Home; trabaja con más de 1,100 autores y editoriales mediante nuestra Int'l Society of Latino Authors; y ha honrado 199 libros y guiones con nuestros Latino Books into Movies Awards.

The listing for the winners is Title of the book; author; translator, designer or illustrator (if any); Publisher; country of origin of the author; and DMA of the author. At the very end of each honoree is a QUOTE from one of this year's ILBA judges. For more info or to enter next year's Awards go to www.Award.News or contact Kirk Whisler, 760-579-1696, kirk@whisler.com

Alma Flor Ada Latino Focused Children's Picture Book - English

Gold Medal — A Grandma's Blessing, 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, 'Beautifully written cultural books written by a Nani to her grandchildren discussing the elements of life.'

Silver Medal — Wait! I've Got Something to Say! A Story about feeling Loved, Safe, and Heard, Anais Maria Paniagua; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful story of how a young lad develps his ability to speak.'

Bronze Medal — The Song of the Coquí, Jennifer Adames; ; Ancestry of the author(s): PR; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Heartwarming story of Familiy and culture'

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

Gold Medal — Fiesta en La Vecindad, Luis Alberto García Gómez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book gave me a "classic children's book vibe."'

Silver Medal — El viaje de la abeja / The Bee's Journey, Ingrid Anneliese Blumenfeld; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Uruguay; The author(s) lives in: Montevideo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Positive message-protecting our planet, and it rhymes well.'

Bronze Medal — Campos de Determinación, Yecenia E. Mariscal Tinajero; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA 1st Gen; The author(s) lives in: California; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful own voices story that depicts the complexities of living in two worlds and cultures.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

Gold Medal — La Fábrica de Ratones - The Mice Factory, Nelly Giraldo Gil; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Medellin, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Overcoming the negative thoughts and making them positive ones is a great strength.'

Silver Medal — Marisol Can't Sleep / Marisol no puede dormir, Sandra Martín Denis, Illustrated by Lewellyn Obispo; Piñata Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very interesting children's book.'

Bronze Medal — Tikal Animal Adventures/ Aventuras con animales en Tikal, Vera Bolaños, Illustrator: Désirée Iturbide; Vista Tranquila Publishers, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Cuidad de Guatemala; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una obra educacional y muy interesante, con lindas ilustraciones.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – English

Gold Medal — When We Find Her, M. García Peña; Viking Books for Young Readers / Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): San Juan, PR; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love how death was handled. Beautiful illustrations.
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Silver Medal — The Friendship Blanket, Leonarda Carranza; North Winds Press/Scholastic Canada Ltd; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Ontario, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations really helped tell the story.'

Bronze Medal — My Abuela is a Bruja, Mayra Cuevas; Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR; Ancestry of the author(s): PR; The author(s) lives in: Athens, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the story and how every moment with abuela was magic.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — Los Animales de La Luna, Rosario Allpas; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The lovely cover invites you to read it. It's a beautiful book, with a lovely narrative.'

Silver Medal — ¿Este Regalo es para Mí?, José Carlos Román; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain, Spanish; The author(s) lives in: Cádiz, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a beautiful book with a highly balanced and vibrant color palette that makes the characters stand out.'

Bronze Medal — Primos, Margarita del Mazo; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is incredibly well illustrated. It's a wonderful book.'

Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book

Gold Medal — That Environmental Crusader Could Be Me! The Life of a Latino Protecting Our Planet, Enrique Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It takes on one of the main topics of our era and does it very well.'

Silver Medal — Descubre América Mexicana, Illustrated by Ángel Garcia; Metate Studio; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful book!'

Silver Medal — Queer Latine Heroes: 25 Changemakers from Latin America and the U.S. from History and Today, Sofía Aguilar; Jessica Kingsley Publishers, Hachette UK; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A much needed book! Well written and excellent selection. Illustrations are great too.'

Bronze Medal — Solo Kiko: Diabetes, Ananyaa Aruina & Matthew Martel; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mex-Am; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a great book for children! Well-documented, it explains a complicated topic very well.'

Bronze Medal — ¡Todos a bailar! A Folklórico Alphabet Book, Dr. Gabriela Mendoza-García; Del Alma Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Laredo, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very cute book, excellent work in both Spanish and English.'

Best Educational Children's Picture Book – English

Gold Medal — Frida: Frida Kahlo: English Version, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New Rochelle, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such a great book to read to students.'

Silver Medal — Jacq has Celiac, Jennifer Ritter, M. Ed, Illustrated by Shahab Shamshirsaz; Orange Hat Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Father MX; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful plot. Great story!'

Bronze Medal — All About Me: A to Z Book, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New Rochelle, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The character is memorable.'

Educational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — De cuando aprendí a usar MI GRAN VOZ, Ana María Urrutia, Dominga Zabala, illustrator; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent illustrations, plot is easy to follow and theme is relevant '

Gold Medal That Environmental Crusader Could Be Me! The Life of a Latino Protecting Our Planet, Enrique Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Really good concept and important topic.'

Silver Medal La Niña Piña, Fanny Johnson; Babidibu Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Vivid visuals with great vocabulary words...'

Bronze Medal Allí En El Amazonas: La Nueva Y Verdadera Historia De La Selva, Meimi Hill Illustrated by Jorge Tenazoa Torrejon; Barometer Books, Inc; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Las ilustraciones me encantaron y toda la informacion era revelante a las ilustraciones.'

Bronze Medal There was a Tenacious Teacher Who Scarfed Down a Sticker, Patty York Raymond, Illustrated Ayan Saha; Davica Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Mexican- American; The author(s) lives in: McAllen; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Historia graciosa que invita a leerla completa.'

Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book

Gold Medal That Environmental Crusader Could Be Me! The Life of a Latino Protecting Our Planet, Enrique Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Inspiring!'

Gold Medal What Color is God's Love?, Xochitl Dixon; Water Brook Children's; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations in this book are absolutely breathtaking.'

Silver Medal The Little Girl and Her Four Uniforms, La Niñita y Sus Cuatro Uniformes, Antonia Coello Novello, MD, Illustrated by Lorena Casado Díaz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): US, PR; The author(s) lives in: Orlando, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I highly recommend this book because of its historical importance in Latino literature.'

Bronze Medal The Magical Cookie, Jennifer Ritter, M. Ed, Illustrated by Shahab Shamshirsaz; Orange Hat Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MX; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles Co.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing is excellent and of high quality.'

Bronze Medal Yo soy Barú, Evelina Preciado; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Panama; The author(s) lives in: Panama City, Panama; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' I would love to see Baru return in a series of books that follows him as he travels to new destinations and embarks on exciting adventures.'

Best Board Book

Gold Medal El Cangrejito Piragüero, Sandra Rivera Sánchez; Tales and Spice LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, ancestry Spain; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It's a lovely fold-out book with beautiful illustrations...'

Best Latino Focused Chapter Book

Gold Medal Pequeños Gigantes Libro I - El Despertar de Las Raíces, Maday Gomez Ravelo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*The characters MaryAnn, Clio and Florencia had so much personality. I almost wish it was longer! And I suppose it will be:)*'

Silver Medal Hope in Miami: Esperanza en Miami, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New Rochelle, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*This would be a fantastic book to use in classrooms. I found the writing airy and charming..*'

Bronze Medal The Beautiful Game, Yamile Saied Méndez; Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Salt Lake City, Utah; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Really excellent book with the family drama.*'

Best Chapter Fiction Book

Gold Medal The Trouble With Sunshine, Yamile Saied Méndez; Scholastic; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Salt Lake City, Utah; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great read! '

Silver Medal Cousins in the Time of Magic, Emma Otheguy, Illustrated by Poly Bernatene; S&S Children's / Atheneum; Ancestry of the author(s): NY/ Cuban; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author writes with rich descriptions, metaphors, and strong verbs for both characters, action, and settings.'

Bronze Medal Graciela in The Abyss, Meg Medina, Illustrated by Anna and Elena Balbusso; Candlewick Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Richmond; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's descriptions provide a rich context of the different geographical features below the sea.'

Best Educational Chapter Book

Gold Medal Guardianes de la magia, Paola Sempri; Mr. Momo (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It tells a child the truth about Santa without destroying the magic.'

Silver Medal Serpiente en el Césped, Kitty Felde; Cheasapeake Press; Ancestry of the author(s): California; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good intro to congress and how it should work; I like that it isn't a dry story as this topic can be difficult to make enjoyable.'

Silver Medal What The Iceberg Hides - Thriving beyond the surface, Dr. Inez González Perezchica, Illustrated by Eduardo Cumplido; Riot of Roses; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The 20 word marketing statement and the 30 sec elevator pitch are brilliant.'

Bronze Medal Una pequeña gran historia, Pablo Fernández Lupión; Mr. Momo (LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Granada; The author(s) lives in: Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the way this book makes learning history fun.'

Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book

Gold Medal La Travesía de Kukulkán - Quetzalcóatl, Tomo 1 - Jaguar, Ahlex Campos (Javier Campos Rojas); ; Ancestry of the author(s): MX; The author(s) lives in: Mexico, USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good world created in this MesoAmerican Civilization period. This would be a great TV series.'

Silver Medal Rebecca, Jamoncillos, Cochitos, and Date, Sylvia Roche Merino; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges '*Great characters, great community, great coming of age story with a happy ending.*'

Silver 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, 'I would find these characters and stories in my community, and I would like to see this in a film series.'

Bronze Medal What We Did To Each Other, Josuee Hernández; Flux, Northstar Editions; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*This book is very well written, very interesting*'

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – English

Gold Medal Island Creatures, Margarita Engle; S&S Children's / Atheneum; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuban; The author(s) lives in: Pasadena, Cuban; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It flows, and it's easy to read and easy to imagine.'

Silver Medal — Eréndira, Rose M. Borunda; Conocimientos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This should be a must-read in the classrooms because it sheds light on a piece of Meso-America and its direct line to current themes that must be told.'

Bronze Medal — This is The Year, Gloria Muñoz; Holiday House; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' The writing in this book is beautiful and very original.'

Best Young Adult Fiction Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — Santuario, Paola Mendoza & Abby Sher; Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...escritas como casos para hallar un equilibrio.'

Silver Medal — Arzan Cuernoscuro, Nacho Ruiz Hens; Valhalla Ediciones, S.L; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid/ NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I could not stop reading! Interesting.'

Bronze Medal — El ministerio de los libros, Alycia Alba; Mr. Momo (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Mallorca; The author(s) lives in: Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Es una novela del género fantástico.'

Bronze Medal — Un día sin ti, Nelson Bustamante; Paquidermo libros / 360 media; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una historia emotiva.'

Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book

Gold Medal — Messi Mania, Luis MIguel Echegaray; The Quarto Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Students in my classroom would be all over this book.'

Silver Medal — 10 Things College Students Need to Know About Money 3rd Edition, Shay Olivarria; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Content is engaging and appropriate to audience.'

Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure

Gold Medal — These Vengeful Gods, Gabe Cole Novoa; Random House Children's Books / Random House Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The overall presentation is amazing the story is very interesting to read'

Silver Medal — El Secreto Oculto De Los Andes VII- El retorno, Pilarica; Pilar Ocana; Caligrama; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Montreal Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great read! Kids will be entertained!'

Bronze Medal — Reino de Gemas Quebradas (libro 3), Natania V. Alicea Quiles; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Caguas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Makes it easy for the reader to follow without long explanations that could break the flow.'

Best Young Adult Magical Realism

Gold Medal — Relatos de Torrealta: La travesía de Estrella, Danitza Eterovic; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book, very descriptive, and easy to follow along. The characters are very well rounded.'

Silver Medal — La Carreta La Ignorancia de Lo Obvio, Liz de Ambar; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the descriptive writing and the overall tone. It was an easy, engaging read...'

Bronze Medal — The Silenced, Diana Rodriguez Wallach; Penguin Random House/Delacorte imprint; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, PR; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Touches a strong but necessary subject on the abuse that those teen girls received.'

Best Young Adult Romance Book

Gold Medal — El primer round no bastó, GM Carrasquillo; GM Carrasquillo; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story was very engaging with well defined characters. Such an engaging storyline...'

Silver Medal — Carnival Fantástico, Angela Montoya; Random House Children's Books / Joy Revolution; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It was engaging and had me wanting to read more. The opening hook is well-crafted...'

Most Inspirational Young Adult Book

Gold Medal — The Center of the Earth, Darlene P. Campos; Blue Handle Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges 'This is a beautifully written and emotionally compelling novel that skillfully blends history, family, identity, resilience, and hope into a story that is both educational and deeply inspiring.'

Silver Medal — Un día sin ti, Nelson Bustamante; Paquidermo libros / 360 media; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author handles difficult emotions with sensitivity, inviting readers to reflect on loss while reminding them of the healing power of human connection.'

Bronze Medal — Arzan Cuernoscuro, Nacho Ruiz Hens; Valhalla Ediciones, S.L; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid/NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This work is an imaginative epic fantasy that demonstrates extraordinary commitment to world-building.'

Bronze Medal — Ellas entre Las Estrellas, María Cristina González; Five Points; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombian; The author(s) lives in: New York ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautifully written coming-of-age novel that encourages empathy, resilience, and hope while celebrating the strength found in family, friendship, and self-discovery.'

The Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth

Gold Medal — Stand up at Summer Camp, Max Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): US/Cuba; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Spectular, well written and illustrated. Positive message; cute story.'

Silver Medal — It Started with an Amulet, Oyuki Hadoyan; ILCSA Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican Ancestry; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Presentation was great. Kept my interest!'

Bronze Medal — Dr. Pren y El Guerrero del Otro Mundo / Dr. Pren and the Warrior from The Other World, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México.; The author(s) lives in: Delaware, Phi, W,DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well written.'

Bronze Medal — Experimento 97, Benjamín Navarro Osorio; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Viña del Mar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It was well written. Good story.'

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal — Culinary Mestizaje: Racial Mixing and Foodways across the United States, Felipe Hinojosa; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico, Philippines; The author(s) lives in: Waco, TX and Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*An outstanding example of the author's ability to introduce readers to the vast world of culture and identity through culinary transformations.*

Silver Medal — How Schools Make Race Teaching Latinx Racialization in America , Laura C. Chávez-Moreno; Harvard Education Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*..presents information and research that directly defy previous assumptions that bi-lingul education is supportive of Latinx students.*'

Silver Medal — Latinx Comics Studies: Critical and Creative Crossings, Dr. Fernanda Díaz-Basteris and Dr. Maite Urcaregui; Rutgers University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico and Basque; The author(s) lives in: USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Excellent approach to complex theories.*'

Bronze Medal — Dear First Gen: Step into Your Genius and Build a Legacy, Paula Amezola, MPH and Will Herrera M.E.D; First Gen Legacy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico & El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The brilliance of this book is the author's abilities to document their journey from immigrant families impacted by geopolitical disparities, poverty, and familial ties in a manner that is both fraught with roadblocks (that they surmount) and inspiring.'

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal — El Gran Laboratorio de La Naturaleza, Lutecia Adam; Arraigo Group Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Es el tipo de voz que necesita la comunidad latina: accesible, rigurosa y muy humana.'

Silver Medal — I Am My Own Path: Selected Writings of Julia de Burgos, Vanessa Pérez-Rosario; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love this text! I can use it in my classes.'

Bronze Medal — Mi camino como Profesora Diferencial, Rocío Constanza Carreño Gallardo; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'El libro está perfectamente orientado a un público interesado en la educación, el trabajo social y el desarrollo humano.'

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

Gold Medal — Dreaming of Home: How We Turn Fear into Pride, Power, and Real Change, Cristina Jiménez; St. Martin's Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The autho(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This inspiring coming of age memoir highlights the author's experiences as immigrant newcomer to becoming a leader in a immigrant movement (Dreamers is one example).'

Gold Medal — Migrant Heart, Reyna Grande; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Davis, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'There is some beautiful imagery in this text and some incredibly heartfelt stories.'

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — Cien nuevos sonetos de amor, Ángel Pomales-Crespo; BookBaby; Ancestry of the author(s): usa (puerto rico); The author(s) lives in: NY/Baltimore; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The poet demonstrates a mastery of meter, rhyme, and literary devices in this book, using them to express his feelings'

Silver Medal — Líderes con ALMA, Rodolfo Moreno Olivera; PanHouse; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: San Luis Potosí; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Highly recommended for corporate managers, business owners, and growing leaders.'

Bronze Medal — El Don Supremo, Paulo Coelho; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Rio de Janeiro,Brasil; The author(s) lives in: Switzerland; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Coelho succeeds in distilling a profound wisdom into an easy-to-digest format.'

Bronze Medal — Lo que la arrocera me enseñó: De cocina...? No De Lecciones de vida...? Sī, Priscilla Mena Díaz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Arecibo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It can benefit both those currently going through a crisis and those wishing to prevent depression or build emotional resilience in the face of life's setbacks.'

Best Biography

Gold Medal — "La Salsa No Puede Morir", así dice Perignon, Bella Martínez; Be More by BME; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: PR, USA, Europe; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A heartfelt and culturally significant biography that reads as both a tribute and an act of preservation.'

Silver Medal — Desi Arnaz, Todd. S. Purdum; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The depth of historical research and attention to detail are commendable, providing readers with a comprehensive portrait of a remarkable figure.'

Best Autobiography – English

Gold Medal — 26 Seconds, Rossana D'antonio; She Writes Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' The story holds interest, even with engineering data and calculations'

Silver Medal — Teacher by Teacher, John B King; Hachette Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; African American & PR; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderfully written - would make a great movie!'

Bronze Medal — Migrant Heart, Reyna Grande; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Poignant, beautiful storytelling! Award winning!'

Best Autobiography – Spanish

Gold Medal — Me gustaría contarte, Milagros de Jesús de Féliz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Republica Dominicana; The author(s) lives in: Republica Dominicana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extraordinary. Enjoyable!'

Silver Medal — La Marcha de La Tinta, Edgar Dixon Rodriguez; Project Plus; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'La presentación es muy creativa y me entretuve accediendo a los enlaces multimedia.'

Bronze Medal — Heidi, Mónica Moranchel Matarranz, ilustrado por Teté Cirigliano; Universo de Letras; Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Guadalajara, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Moving story. Very interesting.'

The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book

Gold Medal — A Story of stories from a Texas Border Barrio: The Life and writings of Doña Ramona González, Cristina D. Ramírez; Trinity University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Pheonix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is an excellent fit for the Family History category because it preserves not only the legacy of one remarkable woman but also the history, traditions, and literary contributions of an entire family within their cultural and historical context.'

Silver Medal Relatos de Sobremesa, Martín Macouzet García; Caligrama; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Montreal; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the book's greatest strengths is its ability to preserve family memories through engaging storytelling.'

Bronze Medal Maria Antonia Y Sus Retoños: Legacies of Motherhood, Rosie Carbó; Conocimientos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Am; The author(s) lives in: Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the book's greatest strengths is its portrayal of motherhood as a legacy that extends across generations.'

Bronze Medal Memorias de Tierra Adentro, Samanta Echevarría; Helvetica Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): QRO, Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Davenport, IA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book successfully preserves family memory while connecting it to the broader history of Querétaro'

The Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book

Gold Medal Not Getting Stuck Success Stories of being Latina and transferring from a California Community College, Lily E. Espinoza; ; Ancestry of the author(s): MX; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco Bay; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Strong narrative discipline'

Silver Medal Los Estragos del Apagón, Eliván Martínez Mercado; Editorial CPI; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing is clear, engaging, and accessible while maintaining the seriousness appropriate to the subject.'

Bronze Medal Eludir la guerra, construir mundos nuevos, Raúl Zibechi; Editorial Alectrión; Ancestry of the author(s): Uruguay; The author(s) lives in: Montevideo, Uraguay; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A thoughtful and intellectually ambitious contribution to political and current affairs literature.'

Best History Book

Gold Medal Caught in the Current: Mexico's Struggle to Regulate Emigration, 1940-1980, Irvin Ibarguen; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MX; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An exceptional book.'

Silver Medal Awaiting Their Feast: Latinx Food Workers and Activism from World War II to COVID-19, Lori A. Flores; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-Am; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Could be a documentary. It could also be included in Social Science and History Categories.'

Bronze Medal Breaking Down the Walls of Segregation, David-James Gonzales; Oxford University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Salt Lake City, Utah; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I feel this book should be part of the curricula in all School Systems.'

Bronze Medal Storied Property: Maria Cordova's Casa, Lydia R. Otero; Planet Earth Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Chicane/x/o; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I feel this book could be either a documentary or a movie.'

Bronze Medal Utopías Coloniales. VI & VII, Vanina Maria Teglia; Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina, ascendencia mestiza; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This text would make a great documentary.'

Best Business Book

Gold Medal Mi dinero SOStenible, Carolina Yazmín López García; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chilean & Spanish; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well written and to the point
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Silver Medal Navega Tus Finanzas Personales, Elizabeth Teixeira; PanHouse; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Caracas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A highly useable personal fitness book. Helpful charts. Pan House always does a great job on design and presentation.'

Bronze Medal Equipo en Construcción perdonen las molestias, Alfredo Carrasquillo; Agalma Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Overall, this is an exceptional leadership book. Great graphics.'

Bronze Medal Your Time To Rise Unlearn Limiting Beliefs, Unlock Your Power, and Unleash Your Truest Self, Arivee Vargas; GreenLeaf Book Group Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Massachusetts; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written and packaged. The strongest feature of the book is its authentic voice.'

Best Arts Book

Gold Medal Lin-Manuel Miranda, Daniel Pollack Pelzner; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, PR; The author(s) lives in: Portland, Oregon; Insights from the ILBA judges 'Great reference book and interesting information for art students on Lin-Manuel Miranda!'

Gold Medal Voces del Pueblo: Artists of the levantamiento Chicano in New Mexico, Ray Hernández-Durán & Irene Vasquez; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book on Chicanas and Chicanos culture! '

Silver Medal Aves de los Andes Colombianos, Murray Cooper; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great explanation for each bird illustrated. Great book for bird lovers!'

Silver Medal Scarred Landscapes: Place, Trauma, and Memory in Caribbean Latinx Art, Stephanie Lewthwaite; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): UK; The author(s) lives in: Derby, UK; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great Reference and informative book for Artists and art Students.'

Best Gift Book

Gold Medal Juntando Chispitas de Las Estrellas, Victor Villaseñor; Buena Vida Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Oceanside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The images of the grandma were truly breathtaking.'

Silver Medal Matrescencia en curso, Laura Miranda Olivera; Letralia; Ancestry of the author(s): Jayuya,PR; The author(s) lives in: Portland,OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book visibilizes the reality of women who become mothers, a vulnerable time for them when the attention is shifted entirely to their children.'

Silver Medal Poems For Teachers, José Chávez; WPR Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Chicano & apache; The author(s) lives in: Riverside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The poems inspire teachers and students as well and it is a glimpse into the life of a lifelong teacher. The work is very uplifting!'

Bronze Medal 8 secretos para vivir una vida de película, Yolanda Martínez Abad; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...self-help book is presented appropriately, with text and exercises at the end of each chapter...'

Bronze Medal Sonetos para mi flamboyán florido, Ángel Pomales-Crespo; BookBaby; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NY/Baltimore; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Me encanto el tercer soneto'

Best Cookbook

Gold Medal Comida Casera, Dora Ramirez; Hachette Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Vegan recipes!! Great job in keeping up with plant based recipes!!'

Silver Medal Burger Porn, Nestor Amesty Sanoja; Circulo Rojo (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Panama; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very creative book on THE burger.'

Best Reference Book

Gold Medal Rethinking Education Together: How the Wise- Compassionate Framework Transforms Student Success, Dr. Felipe Mercado; Wise Soul LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Fresno - Visalia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Makes it easy to use a reference book that a reader can reference when needed. Lots of useful information.'

Silver Medal Formas de comunicación de los peces, Lorenzo Roca Moreno; Caligrama(LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful use of imagery, maps, and figures. Lots of useful information and beautiful pictures of sea life.'

Bronze Medal Cafés de Colombia Siglo XXI, Liliana Villegas; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has amazing photos and wonderfully written words. Check it out.'

Bronze Medal South America: From European Contact to Independence Volume 2, H. Micheal Tarver & Carlos E. Márquez Petit; Bloomsbury Academic; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Little Rock, Arkansas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Massive work. Much needed.'

Best Self Transformation Book

Gold Medal Viva para Contarlo: Reconstruyendo la identidad tras la violencia de un abusador narcisista, Virgen Renta; Fénix; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) live in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Best and most complete book on narcissistic abuse I have ever read in more of 25 years as a book editor.*'

Silver Medal El código del poder personal: 22 secretos para sanar y manifestar lo que mereces, Emma Ailín García & Alejandra Parra Rincón; Planeta Mexicana; Ancestry of the author (s): Argentina, Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Very useful information, the author puts together what many spiritual guides/teachers have been advocating into one book.*'

Silver Medal Manual Para Padres Imperfectos, Sergio Negri; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Realistic good parenthood.*'

Bronze Medal Juntando Chispitas de Las Estrellas, Victor Villaseñor; Buena Vida Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Oceanside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*DON VICTOR VILLASENOR, VUELVE A DEMOSTRAR SU ENORME CAPACIDAD DE PROFUNDISAR EN LOS MAS OBSCURO DE LA CONDICION HUMANA.*'

Bronze Medal Libérate de tu Realidad, Marleny Arauz; Pan House; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Yes, this is a transformational book.*'

Best Health & Wellness Book

Gold Medal Vivir Sin Edad Todos Los Secretos Antienvejecimiento, Dr. Eduardo Oyarse - Dra. Sara Mir; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written guide for self-care as we age. Chapters can be read independently.'

Silver Medal El futuro del médico, Dr. Pietro Emanuele Garbelli; Future Health Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Italy; The author(s) lives in: London; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very timely topic practical ways to deal with advances within the health field.'

Bronze Medal Fuera de Eje, Delfina Zelaschi; *PanHouse*; Ancestry of the author(s): Paraguay; The author(s) lives in: Asuncion; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The editing is strong, and the clean, polished presentation enhances the reading experience.'

Best Parenting/Family Book

Gold Medal Conscious Parenting: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers to Create Calm and Joyful Homes, Carolina Bolivar and Erica Priscilla Sandoval, LCSW; Fig Factor Media; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia, Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a well-written and thoroughly researched book.'

Silver Medal Versos en tu jardín, Carmen Serrano Bruno; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A truly beautiful book, from the title and cover design to the quality of the writing.'

Bronze Medal Mano a Mano con la Dra. Beatriz Villarreal: Construyendo familias fuertes y resilientes, un paso a la vez., Dra. Beatriz Villareal; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a strong book with a clear sense of purpose...'

Bronze Medal Manual Para Padres Imperfectos, Sergio Negri; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The editing is strong, and the clean, polished presentation enhances the reading experience.'

Best Women's Issues Book

Gold Medal Radiophonic Feminisms: Latina Voices in the Digital Age of Broadcasting, Esther Díaz Martín; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, Il; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book was engaging and insightful.'

Silver Medal Your Time To Rise Unlearn Limiting Beliefs, Unlock Your Power, and Unleash Your Truest Self, Arivee Vargas; GreenLeaf Book Group Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Born USA, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Massachusetts; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was very well written.'

Bronze Medal La Vida Después Del Cruce: Historias de migrantes mexicanas que vencieron la adversidad para triunfar en Estados Unidos, María Luisa Arredondo; Universo de Letras; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was well written, organized and developed.'

Best Religious Book

Gold Medal Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New Rochelle, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great for for both Spanish-speaking and non Spanish-speaking kids to read.'

Gold Medal Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New Rochelle, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is easy to follow and it respects an important story that is meaningful to Mexicans.'

Silver Medal Eres la rosa de mi jardín, Rosa María Ortiz Zayas; Hispanos Media Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Ponce; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I truly enjoyed this book. I enjoyed the themes and the invitation to participate.'

Bronze Medal What Color is God's Love?, Xochitl Dixon; Water Brook Children's; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed the colors theme and how children can see God's work in this colorful world.'

Best Spiritual Book

Gold Medal — Las cosas que no le dije a Dios, María Francisca Fuenzalida Moure; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved this spiritual book which is now becoming common knowledge to those that are open to spiritual awareness.'

Silver Medal — Despertando con Angeles, Claudia Marcela Peña Rodriguez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the way this author writes!! She entices you to continue reading!'

Bronze Medal — Tarot Sin Límites, Martha Espinosa; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad de Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the way the author put so much works into researching this topic with so many resources and quoting those resources! '

Best Travel Book

Gold Medal — Paraísos de Colombia, Andrés Hurtado; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful, stunning book!!'

Best Sports/Recreation Book

Gold Medal — Suenan el pitazo y la campana: Las batallas y los partidos más violentos en la historia del fútbol chileno y mundial, Carlos Ignacio Barraza Díaz; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An engaging and original exploration of some of the most intense and controversial moments in the history of Chilean football.'

Silver Medal — Cien años de gloria. La historia de Colo - Colo 1925 - 2025, Vicente Hübner Garretón; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book effectively balances historical facts with memorable moments, making it an excellent contribution for Colo-Colo supporters and readers interested in the club's history.'

Bronze Medal — Historias Ocultas de Diego en Chile, Enrique Alejandro Corvetto Castro; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Valdivia, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting book to read! Well done!'

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal — The Ordinary Bruja, Johanny Ortega; Have a Cup of Johanny; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent! I would swear that Rudolfo Anaya channeled this great story!'

Silver Medal — Antonia Chavez Arvizu: Memoir of a California Gold Mining Family, Linda Castro Martinez; Covenant Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the story of the Mexican miners 'wives, very detailed, lots of research.'

Bronze Medal — AZTEC RHAPSODIES. Flower and Song of the Mexican Conquest, Gabriel Michel Padilla; Newmansprings; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Guadalajara, MX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An excellent, important historical work, impressive in its scope and detail.'

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal — La otra Julia, Marya Santos; Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una hermosura de Novela. ¡Busquénla, disfrútenla, compártanla!
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Silver Medal — Semillas en la oscuridad, Maday Gomez Ravelo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Los personajes brillan todos en su modo de aceptar el nuevo retoño de su campamento.'

Bronze Medal — Aquí no termina, Jenny Navas; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Dramático y completamente excelente.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal — Eye of the Storm, Charles Gomez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Cuba; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very powerful, inspirational.'

Silver Medal — Ghost Brother, Sylvia Sánchez Garza; Arte Publico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Edinburg, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed the suspense in this book.'

Bronze Medal — Brave Water: It's never too late to learn to swim - or to begin again, Susana Jiménez - Mueller; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba-Spain; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Story of cubana history, family and overcoming personal fears.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal — La casa de los visitantes, Valeria Saavedra; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It allows the reader to experience Alzheimer's from the inside...'

Silver Medal — Andy & Jack, Kat VanRoll; ; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: CDMX, QRO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Andy & Jack- es una obra profunda que explora la resiliencia, el amor y la complejidad humana.'

Bronze Medal — El Francés, Willema Wong; El Ateje; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'El protagonista resulta ser un personaje memorable y cautivador, envuelto en una trama fascinante y perfectamente estructurada.'

Bronze Medal — Venezuela Muere en El Darién, Maria Rondon-Hanway; Barker Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle WA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una historia profunda respaldada por personajes excelentes, esculpidos con una evolución psicológica perfectamente alineada con el avance de la trama.'

Best Popular Fiction – English

Gold Medal — Between Memory and Oblivion: A novel, Peter Briscoe; Palo Verde Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Half Latino; The author(s) lives in: Riverside, CA ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' The character of the bibliophile who devotes his life to collecting and safeguarding books is particularly profound. His story reminds us that books are more than words on a page. . . they are keepers of our histories, our cultures, and our collective memories, connecting the past, present, and future.'

Silver Medal — The Sons of El Rey, Alex Espinoza; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): MX, USA; The author(s) lives in: Riverside, SB; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writer introduced and developed the characters early on and kept my interest throughout.'

Bronze Medal — The Ghosts of Gwendolyn Montgomery, Clarence A. Haynes; Hachette Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Panamanian; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The characters are wonderfully likable, funny, and engaging. . . the kind of characters who make readers want to keep turning the pages'

Best Popular Fiction – Spanish

Gold Medal — Todas las Almas son Mías, María del Pilar Cárdenas; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Toronto, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This novel demonstrates exceptional literary, storytelling and emotional depth.'

Silver Medal — Desesperanza, Alberto Caballero; Tessellata; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing is fluid and easy to follow, making the story approachable without sacrificing depth.'

Bronze Medal — La Barbería Navajas, Rolando E. Conde; Edición de Autor - Gestión Editorial por: Construye tu Libro; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The cinematic narrative style makes each scene easy to visualize, creating a strong sense of place and character.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English

Gold Medal — Disconnected, Marcelo Marcal; Editora Lux; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book was a pleasant surprise that engaged all of the senses!'

Silver Medal — The Sacred Ruby, Rocky Barilla; Rosquette Press; Ancestry of the author(s): L.A., CA; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...reading about lost stories of the Bible, the story line was fascinating to me.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish

Gold Medal — Weichafe, Daniel Cano; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excelente! The desired topic, tone and point of view to keep the reader engaged!'

Silver Medal — Todos se van, Wendy Guerra; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Unique concept. Well crafted entries. This is a moving story about social and economic poverty...'

Bronze Medal — Fragmentado: Tosochojo Emajaguas, José Francisco Galarza Flores; Publicaciones Gaviota; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Lorenzo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Quick paced. Excellent plotting. Admirable writing. Transporting to the island.'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English

Gold Medal — Deeper Than The Ocean, Mirta Ojito; Hachette Book Group, Union Square & Co; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A true generational saga. One family secret is followed through the generations to reflect...'

Silver Medal — A Daughter's Place, Martha Batiz; House of Anansi Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico City; The author(s) lives in: Toronto, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the greatest gifts of historical fiction is the ability to make the reader inhabit another place and time.'

Bronze Medal — Frida's Cook, Florencia Etcheves; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires, Ar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved how it combined it all together -- history, the history, domestic life and more told from this perspective.'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish

Gold Medal — Juan Rana, José Luis Alemán; Caligrama(LANTIA); Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Juan Rana is an ambitious historical novel that vividly recreates Spain's Golden Age...'

Silver Medal — El Taíno, Bryan González; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'El Taíno is an exceptional historical novel that brings the Taíno civilization to life through epic storytelling...'

Bronze Medal — Archivo de universos desconocidos, Ruben Reyes Jr.; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: New York, Ny; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Its emotional depth, archival search, and intimate writing are powerful.'

Bronze Medal — Encuéntrame en el mar, Enid López Reed; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Richmond, Virginia; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' The work preserves important Afro-Caribbean history and has strong literary merit with cinematic and educational potential.'

Bronze Medal — Estelita; Lo Que No Te Conté, Maria Estelle Picouto; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Staten Island, NY? Puerto Rico ; The author(s) lives in: Myrtle Beach, SC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The work preserves cultural memory with strong cinematic potential.'

Best Novel - Mystery

Gold Medal — Dominoes, Danzón, and Death, Raquel V. Reyes; Crooked Lane Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuban- American; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The voice of the story is confident, funny, and first person narration that adds rhythm to the story.'

Silver Medal — La Fundición, Antonio Muñoz Mayne-Nicholls; Aurea Ediciones; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a strong, professional, executed craft, that is genre-blending historical fiction with horror elements.'

Bronze Medal — Misa de coronación, Juan Lopez Bauzá; Planeta Mexicana; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The dialogue is natural, vernacular Puerto Rican Spanish, distinct voices between characters'

Best Novel - Fantasy

Gold Medal — Soles de Mistefure: El lamento del bosque, Erick Bello Urbina; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Quilpue, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Awesome fantasy book!'

Silver Medal — El vínculo elemental, Camila Aguirre Fuentes; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Gorgeous illustrations throughout'

Silver Medal — When The Tides Held The Moon, Venessa Vida Kelley; Erewhon Books / Kensington Publishing Corp.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Neat, well written book!'

Bronze Medal — Barely Magic (Maddy Madrigal Mysteries Book 1), Debra Castaneda; Shadow Canyon Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Denver, CO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well written; suspense and surprise.'

Best Novel - Science-Fiction

Gold Medal — Muerte Al Jíbari, Cuando Las Mentiras Mueren La Verdad Te Mata, J. Del Trono; Entre Mundos; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I appreciated the world building, especially the maps in the beginning. Engaging story from start to finish.'

Silver Medal — Ojos Abiertos, Mis 9 yo, Laura Daniela Triviño Andrade; Ibakka, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Cali, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...fun to read and follow.'

Bronze Medal Archivo de universos desconocidos, Ruben Reyes Jr.; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: New York, Ny; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well told story about AI and probable universes.'

Bronze Medal Dante XXIII, Laura Pérez Macho; Círculo Rojo Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Bamberg; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well structured. Easy to read. Good writing.'

Bronze Medal Disconnected, Marcelo Marcal; Editora Lux; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent examination of time travel, virtual universes and the emotions that drive people.'

Bronze Medal Rule Of The Elite: Second Book of The Promissa Trilogy, E.R. Phoenix; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A lot of suspense in this novel.'

Bronze Medal Tellus Mundo Paralelo, Hugo Lucero Riquelme; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the design of this book.'

Best Novel - Magical Realism

Gold Medal Daughter Of Fire, Sofia Robleda; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A complex contrast between the teaching of the Popol Vuh and those found in Christian beliefs.'

Gold Medal Eye of the Storm, Charles Gomez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Cuba; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The characters are three-dimensional, and the religious experience within the narrative is profound.'

Silver Medal A Donde Te Lleve El Tiempo, Ana Lilia Cepeda; Penguin Random House Sello Grijalbo; Ancestry of the author(s): Torreón, Coahuila, MX; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad De Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This novel captivates the reader from the first chapter and does not let go.'

Silver Medal La V de la victoria, Patricia Pedret; Sequoia Editions; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico City; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio,TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A captivating fantasy of adventure and elements of the supernatural.'

Best Novel - Romance

Gold Medal Mariner of Destiny, Roberto de Haro; Gatekeeper Press; Ancestry of the author(s): MX; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is very special. I loved the time period and all the research that went into writing the book.'

Silver Medal Along Came Amor, Alexis Daria; Avon/HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved all the characters because they are realistic, relatable and well developed.'

Bronze Medal Dejarlo Por La Paz, Carmen Valero; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I had fun reading the whole book. Good romantic plot and well developed characters. Would make a fun rom com.'

Bronze Medal Entre aguas sanadoras, Catalina Boza Irarrázava; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Funny, fluid with great humor, sarcastic. It's well written.'

Best Fiction - Horror

Gold Medal La Fundición, Antonio Muñoz Mayne-Nicholls; Aurea Ediciones; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I was also struck by how the author connects the supernatural with historical violence: the conquest, the dictatorship, curfews, restrictions, inequality, and political manipulation. '

Silver Medal The Better to Eat You With, Tehlor Mejia; Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really liked the author's language, as well as the speed and ease of the reading experience.'

Bronze Medal REKT, Alex Gonzalez; Erewhon Books / Kensington Publishing Corp.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ PR; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It makes me think about the risks of the digital world and the importance of protecting ourselves and our kids from what hides behind a screen.'

Best Graphic Novel

Gold Medal How to Say Goodbye in Cuban, Daniel Miyares; Random House Children's Books / Anne Achwartz Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA / Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: Kansas City, MO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice color graphics. Great length.'

Best Collection of Short Stories – English

Gold Medal Something Followed Us Home, Cynthia Pelayo; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from th ILBA judges, 'An excellent volume of Latine Horror stories where the surreal is normal...'

Silver Medal Not Your Papi's Utopia: Latinx Visions of Radical Hope, Matthew David Goodwin, Alex Hernandez, Sara Rivera; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-Am; Th author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Its greatest strength is the diversity of voices and viewpoints that challenge traditional Western utopian narratives.'

Bronze Medal The Wishing Well: A Collection Vol. 1, Christopher Ruíz; Pesadilla Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: St. Louis, Mo; Insights from the ILB judges, 'These storeis create a great mood of eeri and spooky. I quite enjoyed reading them.'

Best Collection of Short Stories – Spanish

Gold Medal Feroces: Compilación de autoras jóvenes venezolanas, Various Authors; Sello Cultural; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful collection you will read in one take...'

Silver Medal Sus huesos y otros cuentos, Alexandra Castrillón Gómez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love th stories. The mix of authors, and backgrounds makes it so great.'

Bronze Medal El Río Se Traga A Los Muertos y Otros Cuentos, Andrés Charry; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Riohacha, Barranquilla, Cart.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story telling, even though it is separate stories, they all carry the reader vividly throughout.'

Best eBook

Gold Medal Latidos Entre Cenizas, Jeaninne Buraye Filipets; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá, Columbia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Buena construcción del enigma que va incrementando.'

Silver Medal Latidos Entre Tormentas, Jeaninne Buraye Filipets; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Historia bien escrita, ligera, agradable y facil de leer....'

Best Audiobook

Gold Medal — En busca de la suavidad, Valeria Hinojosa; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Bolivia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great healing book!'

Silver Medal — The Wishing Well: A Collection Vol. 1, Christopher Ruíz; Pesadilla Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: St. Louis, Mo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story is well-structured, the narrative is strong, and the plot development and suspense-building are enjoyable.'

Best Children's Picture Book in Portuguese

Gold Medal — Bergamota, Taís Fagundes; Labrador; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Porto Alegre, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interestig ideas, great pictures.'

Silver Medal — Baleia Bailarina, Roberta Moyses; Mannú Editora; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Minas Gerais; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully crafted picture book that tackles a difficult subject with sensitivity and imagination.'

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese

Gold Medal — O Voo do pássaro caído, Rafael Nogueira Fernandes; Editora Bestiário; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thought-provoking novel.'

Silver Medal — A Fantástica Historia de Epifania, Roberta Moyses; Mannú Editora; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Rio de Jainero; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's ability to blend whimsy with meaningful life lessons makes the book appealing...'

Bronze Medal — Chorar Agradecer Ressignificar, Luciane Mustafá; Grupo Editorial Alta Books - Minotauro; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Brasilia, BRZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The emotional journey feels genuine, and the book offers an inspiring message...'

Best Book - Nonfiction in Portuguese

Gold Medal — Estrela Preta: Ladainhas, Carlos Parada Ayala; El Pez Soluble Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's deep respect for capoeira and Afro-Brazilian traditions is evident on every page.'

Silver Medal — Olhares Que Não Vejo, Elaine Amaral Medeiros; Editora Dialética Literária; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author's sincerity is its greatest strength.'

Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese

Gold Medal — Entre Golpes E Joias, Thiago Barrozo; Editora Flyve; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Sao Paulo, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An excellent, captivating read featuring strong, impactful writing.'

Silver Medal — Partida Ao Cais, Carla Mühlhaus; Editora Urutau; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Portugal; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Powerful contender.'

Bronze Medal — Mesa para dois, Denis Amaral; Editora Labrador; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Sao Paulo, Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'SECOND BEST IN CATEGORY. a great story of memory as experienced by nicolas in the post covid world that highlights the impact small tragedies juxtaposed with larger tragedies.'

Best Cover Design

Gold Medal — Aves de los Andes Colombianos, Murray Cooper; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Clever use of the close up graphic of the bird, so unusual. Definitely award winning!'

Silver Medal — Bootcamp Para El Alma, Claudia Sierra; ; Ancestry of the author(s): New York; Colombian ; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Massachusetts; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A great cover. - so eye-catching!'

Bronze Medal — Once Upon a Time in Occupied Aztlán, Elindiocopyright1985; Maíz Poppin' Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is very unique.'

Best Cover Illustration or Photo

Gold Medal — Piece by Piece the Heart Understands, Rosario Ozuna; Rand J. Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Am.; The author(s) lives in: Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice line illustration.'

Silver Medal — Calladita No More: My Latina Journey and The Lessons that Shaped Me, Hady Méndez; Publish Your Purpose; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful motivational book!'

Best Interior Design

Gold Medal — A Grandma's Blessing, 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, 'Engaging and relatable story.'

Silver Medal — El Cangrejito Piragüero, Sandra Rivera Sánchez; Tales and Spice LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, ancestry Spain; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book with high energy and modern design.'

Best Use of Photos or Illustrations Inside a Book

Gold Medal — Cuando Hablé con La Luna / When I Spoke to The Moon, Susan Nicole; BPRO Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Detroit; Insights from the ILBA judges, '..it comes through beautifully in the storytelling.'

Silver Medal — The Little Girl and Her Four Uniforms, La Niñita y Sus Cuatro Uniformes, Antonia Coello Novello, MD, Illustrated by Lorena Casado Díaz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): US, PR; The author(s) lives in: Orlando, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A stunning cover immediately invites the reader into the story and beautifully introduces the gentle watercolor style that continues throughout the book'

Bronze Medal — El Viaje de Sirio, Texto e ilustraciones por Luis Ortega (Luigio); Paquidermo Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Montevideo, Uruguay; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a gem.'

Best Author Video Promoting a Book

Gold Medal — "La Salsa No Puede Morir"... así dice Perignon, Bella Martínez; Be More by BME; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico, USA, Europe; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author is very passionate about the topic and this shines through.'

Silver Medal — Solo Kiko: Diabetes, Ananyaa Aruina & Matthew Martel; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mex-Am; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The educational content is exceptionally well developed and clearly reflects the author's commitment to health education.'

Bronze Medal La Aventuras de Nino, Nancy R. Santiago Capetillo, Ph. D; Caballero Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book presents a meaningful and compassionate message...'

Best Website Promoting a Book

Gold Medal Fun Day With Misa, Un Día Divertido Con Misa, Mireya Saldúa Illustrated by Cleofe A. Pacaña; Hot Tamale Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This cover works on so many levels.'

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal Chiquis The Dreamer Clown, Debora Mari Menieur Nunez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican & Dominican; The author(s) lives in: Pennsylvania; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lovely motivational story.'

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal Campos de Determinación, Yecenia E. Mariscal Tinajero; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA 1st Gen; The author(s) lives in: California; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Introducing children to accomplished women from diverse backgrounds is inspiring and encourages young readers to dream big.'

Silver Medal Allí En El Amazonas: La Nueva Y Verdadera Historia De La Selva, Meimi Hill Illustrated by Jorge Tenazoa Torrejon; Barometer Books, Inc; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well rhymed story with social worth, informative, interesting and timely.'

Bronze Medal Fun Day With Misa, Un Día Divertido Con Misa, Mireya Saldúa Illustrated by Cleofe A. Pacaña; Hot Tamale Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice pacing. Great character.'

Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal Dr. Pren y El Guerrero del Otro Mundo / Dr. Pren and the Warrior from The Other World, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México.; The author(s) lives in: Delaware, Phi, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story was easy to follow and engaging.'

Silver Medal Kingsley Primer Acto / Kingsley First Act, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México.; The author(s) lives in: Delaware, Phi, W,DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Translation was also very well done'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal Suma Paz: A Chronicle of Love and Peril in Defense of Nature, Elvira Sánchez-Blake;
Laura Kanost, translator; Woodbridge Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Florida; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is an interesting story that would be great as a movie.'

Silver Medal I am my own path: Selected writings of Julia de burgos, Vanessa Pérez-Rosario; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has an interesting way of presenting translations, especially difficult when it comes to poetry.'

Bronze Medal Pestañas Abiertas / Open Tabs, Yadira Viera; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is very ingenious story. I see it as a TV Series.'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal La Promesa de Tutti, K. Heidi Fishman, Translated by Aurora Humarán; MB Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Norwich, Vermont; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such an important story, well written'

Silver Medal Primera Generación, Alejandra Campoverdi; Planeta Mexicana; ; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'La narración es fluida y placentera. Conserva las interferencias lingüísticas.'

Bronze Medal Cómo Ser Libre, Shaka Senghor; Planeta Mexicana; Ancestry of the author(s): USA: Black American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Compelling story/ lessons in both languages.'

Bronze Medal Sobre El Amor, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful book.'

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal Stolen Flower, Irma Pineda;
Wendy Call, translator; Yale University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Oaxaca, MX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A superb rendering of an essential, foundational book.'

Silver Medal Frida's Cook, Florencia Etcheves; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires, Ar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extensive, rich, varied vocabulary in English.'

Silver Medal When My Body Ceased to Be Your Home: Ilse's Memories from Colonia Dignidad, Emma Sepúlveda, Translated by Denise Kripper; Hablemos, Escritoras / Literal Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Valencia, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very touching portrait of survival, turning rupture into determined resilience.'

Bronze Medal All that was future / Todo lo que fue futuro, Iliana Pichardo Urrutia Translated by Kadiri J. Vaquer Fernández; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-Am; The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good rhythm in translations.'

Bronze Medal Carne de Dios: A Novel, Homero Aridjis Translated by Chloe Garcia Roberts; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' This is an amazing book'

Bronze Medal Dreams in Times of War / Soñar en tiempos de guerra: Stories / Cuentos, Oswaldo Estrada; Translated by Sarah Pollack; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru, USA; The author(s) lives in: Valencia, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Its bilingual voice adds warmth and clarity to the memories it revisits.'

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal Bochica, Carolina Flórez-Cerchiaro; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Medellín, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*El léxico de la traducción es especialmente rico y variado.*'

Silver Medal Archivo de universos desconocidos, Ruben Reyes Jr.; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is an enjoyable book and quite easy to read.'

Bronze Medal Anita de Monte ríe la última , Xochitl Gonzalez; Planeta Mexicana; Ancestry of the author(s): USA: PR,, Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is an enjoyable book and quite easy to read.'

Best First Book - Children & Youth – English

Gold Medal ¡Todos a bailar! A Folklórico Alphabet Book, Dr. Gabriela Mendoza-García; Del Alma Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Laredo, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A creative way to teach the alphabet while preserving Latino culture.'

Silver Medal Wait! I've Got Something to Say! A Story about feeling Loved, Safe, and Heard, Anais Maria Paniagua; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Can see this adapted into a children's feature on PBS or any other children's network.'

Bronze Medal The Workshop that Sparked Change, Rosario Ozuna; Rand J. Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Am.; The author(s) lives in: Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A good story about helping others. Could be the basis for a "Hallmark" type of movie.'

Best First Book - Children & Youth – Spanish

Gold Medal Muchos Perros, Feliza Marro, Illustrated by Camilo Chicahuale; Editorial Calcetines Animados diseño y producción audiovisual LTDA; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Tremenda manera de ponerle voz a las percepciones y los miedos de los más pequeños. Me encantó.'

Silver Medal Daniel y El Cuerno Dorado, Dario Osorio Cáceres; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The character development of the protagonist/narrator is well-written.'

Silver Medal That Environmental Crusader Could Be Me! The Life of a Latino Protecting Our Planet, Enrique Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This autobiography has the winning qualities of being an authentic expression of the experience of the author, who has written this to share his story with the next generation from his own community.'

Bronze Medal Cuando Hablé con La Luna / When I Spoke to The Moon, Susan Nicole; BPRO Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Detroit; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations from the perspective of the moon are intriguing.'

Bronze Medal Un Día Divertido Con Misa, Mireya Saldúa, Illustrated by Cleofe A. Pacaña; Hot Tamale Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Illustrations are bright and colorful, they capture the energy of Misa.'

Best First Book - Nonfiction – English

Gold Medal Dreaming of Home: How We Turn Fear into Pride, Power, and Real Change, Cristina Jiménez; St. Martin's Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written, compelling, moving, inspirational.'

Silver Medal Your Time To Rise Unlearn Limiting Beliefs, Unlock Your Power, and Unleash Your Truest Self, Arivee Vargas; GreenLeaf Book Group Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Massachusetts; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...great personal anecdotes of being a Latina/woman of color trying to "do it all" and the expectations and hurdles that come with that. '

Best First Book - Nonfiction – Spanish

Gold Medal Bootcamp Para El Alma, Claudia Sierra; ; Ancestry of the author(s): New York, Colombian; The author(s) lives in: Boston, Massachusetts; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Commendable. Extraordinary, unique design.'

Silver Medal Manual Para Padres Imperfectos, Sergio Negri; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Important content presented by an experienced professional in an easy to understand and practice non-judgemental style.'

Bronze Medal Solercia, Jorge Arvelo; Editorial Raíces de Puerto Rico; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It flowed smoothly and eloquently.'

Bronze Medal Un Genuino Despertar, Alexandra Castillo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Las Vegas, NV; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful art. Back copy made me want to dive in.'

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

Gold Medal Frida's Cook, Florencia Etcheves; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires, Ar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent and well researched.'

Silver Medal Rekt, Alex Gonzalez; Erewhon Books / Kensington Publishing Corp.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ PR; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The characterization of minor characters is well drawn and believable, and the scenes are well-written and engaging.'

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

Gold Medal Galafardos, German A. Duarte; Favila Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Milan / Bogotá.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Literarily ambitious work using speculative fiction and documentary memory to restore presence to a rural community threatened by abandonment and institutional erasure.'

Silver Medal La Fábrica de Cartón, Yudith Margarita Treviño Romo; Caligrama; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Coahuila, MX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una obra sólida, generosa y bien documentada.'

Bronze Medal La sombra de Eón, Davor Daslav Bristilo Chateauneuf; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Viña del Mar, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'La camaradería entre los personajes ofrece un contrapunto humano valioso.'

Bronze Medal Soles de Mistefure: El lamento del bosque, Erick Bello Urbina; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Quilpue, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A visually appealing forest fantasy with its own mythology, recognizable creatures, and an immediate conflict...'

The Dolores Huerta Best Cultural & Community Themed Book – English

Gold Medal MEXICAN TEETH: Stories and Assorted Artifacts of an Errant Chicanidad, Tomás Hulick Baiza; Inlandia Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Chicano; The author(s) lives in: San José, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Mexican Teeth is a daring, intelligent, and emotionally layered collection that examines Chicanidad...'

Silver Medal ¡Somos Tejanas!: Chicana Identity and Culture in Texas, Jody A. Marín & Norma Cantu; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The five-part organization gives coherence to an exceptionally broad range of material, moving from identity and cultural expression to resilience, migration, and visual art.'

Bronze Medal Martíneztown, 1945: Tales of Life and Loss in an Albuquerque Barrio, Nasario García; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'García preserves not only personal memories but also a community's language, humor, poverty, generosity, conflicts, occupations, customs, and relationships.'

Bronze Medal Our Oceanside: A Collection of Learner Stories Vol.3, Oceanside READS Adult Learners; Oceanside READS Learning Center; ; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The visual presentation is one of its greatest strengths, giving each writer a distinctive design while using mosaics, local photography, and thematic section dividers to unify the book.'

Bronze Medal The Calling, Jacob Terán; Daxson Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S - Purepecha, Mx; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Gripping!'

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

Gold Medal Jairo Varela: Música, Identidad y Narrativa Social, Robert Téllez, Illustrated by Frank Rosado; Be More by BME; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Colombia, USA, Europe; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Lectura enriquecida con la experiencia de los codigos QR para acceder canciones compuestas por Varela.*'

Gold Medal Primera Generación, Alejandra Campoverdi; Planeta Mexicana; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing is polished, engaging, and clearly organized, and the photographic cover gives the book an immediate emotional and cultural resonance.'

Silver Medal Chasing Dreams Crossing Borders: Persiguiendo Sueños Cruzando Fronteras, Nidia Merino Hernandez; Little Dreamers Publishing LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extremely great, interesting book to read!'

Silver Medal Sonetos para mi flamboyán florido, Ángel Pomales-Crespo; BookBaby; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NY/Baltimore; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Es un bello poemario y resalta la cultura puertoriqueña...'

Bronze Medal Galafardos, German A. Duarte; Favila Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Milan / Bogotá.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Plantea una buena historia, resalta la tarea investigativa...'

Bronze Medal Las aventuras de Nino, Nancy R. Santiago Capetillo, Ph. D; Caballero Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, '❤ *que lindo* '

Best LGBTQ+ Themed Book

Gold Medal The Seduction, Sara Torres; Primero Sueño Press / Atria Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Witty, clever, and flirty narrative that maintains the intrigue throughout. Will they or will they not?'

Silver Medal A Body Of One's Own, A Trans History Of Argentina, Patricio Simonetto; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thank you for bringing to light this most important LGBTQ+ history of Argentina.'

Bronze Medal Curtains of Rain, Anel Flores; Jaded Ibis Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; Ancestry:Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Flores's control of language masterfully weaves together a narrative of mirrored and unforgettable characters.'

Bronze Medal Revolting Indolence, The Politics of Slacking, Lounging, and Daydreaming in Queer and Trans Latinx Culture, Marcos Gonsalez; University of Texas Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Outstanding!'

The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Ethnic Studies Book

Gold Medal El Paso Five Families and One Hundred Years Of Blood, Migration, Race, and Memory, Jazmin Ulloa; Dutton; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*A compelling and beautifully crafted narrative. Perfect for this important category.*'

Silver Medal A Literary History Invisibility & Influence of AfroLatinidades, Regina Marie Mills; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Daughter of Guatemalan; The author(s) lives in: Michigan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I *appreciate the accessibility of historic references and material.*'

Bronze Medal Shattering The Stereotypical Mold: The Edcouch-Elsa Student Strike of November 1968 and Other Essays from the South Texas Borderlands, Chuy Ramirez; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Useful insights for YA students in Northern New Mexico.*'

Best Academic Themed Book, College Level

Gold Medal The Rise of Necro/Narco Citizenship: Belonging and Dying in the Southwest North American Region, Carlos G. Vélez-Ibáñez; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Arizona; The author(s) lives in: Tempe, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is good for anyone striving to understand how narco economics really work.'

Silver Medal Latinx Literature in Transition, 1992-2020, William Orchard; Cambridge University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I also think it's a great format for college students because the ideas are broken down into smaller presentations of material.'

Bronze Medal María Irene Fornés in Context, Brian Eugenio Herrera, Anne García-Romero; Cambridge University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): IN.(Her); USA, Mex-Am (him); The author(s) lives in: USA/Spanish Am/Cuba, Mx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very thorough look into the life of this artist, with insightful collaborators.'

Best Book About Military Service

Gold Medal Mariner of Destiny, Roberto de Haro; Gatekeeper Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author successfully combines historical accuracy with compelling storytelling...'

Silver Medal La Marcha de La Tinta, Edgar Dixon Rodriguez; Project Plus; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is laid out beautifully and I hope if he hasn't already to translate book into English.'

Bronze Medal San José to Viet 'Nam and Back, Richard T García; Conocimientos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Yaqui, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the book's greatest strengths is its honest portrayal of life beyond the battlefield.'

Best Latina Themed Book

Gold Medal Miami, una historia de amor que trasciende el miedo -2nd book, Heidie Rosado Nieves; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico - Puertorriqueña; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing story line. I could not stop reading chapter after chapter.'

Silver Medal MeXicana: Poemas y más Poemas, Diosa Xochiquetzalcóatl; Riot of Roses Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Xicana; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I would highly recommend this book to junior high, high school and college students to connect with their roots.'

Bronze Medal The Ordinary Bruja, Johanny Ortega; Have a Cup of Johanny; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A story about witchcraft, magical spells, and spiritual cleaning done by our grandmothers and passed down...'

Luis Valdez Best Play or Collection of Plays

Gold Medal — Waiting for Godínez: A Tragicomedy in Two Acts, Daniel A. Olivas; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, California; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting take on Beckett's Waiting for Godot, and brings the story into the 21st century.'

Best Environmental Awareness Themed Book

Gold Medal — That Environmental Crusader Could Be Me! The Life of a Latino Protecting Our Planet, Enrique Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*An inspiring and empowering biography that shows how personal experiences can grow into a lifelong commitment...*'

Silver Medal — Solar Punks, Gume Laurel III; West 44 Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*An imaginative and thought-provoking vision of a sustainable future.*'

Bronze Medal — El Oso Andino, Sebastián Di Doménico; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*Extraordinary wildlife photography paired with well-researched scientific information makes this a visually stunning tribute...*'

Best Immigration Themed Book

Gold Medal — Dreaming of Home: How We Turn Fear into Pride, Power, and Real Change, Cristina Jiménez; St. Martin's Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is an excellent exploration of the emotions and feelings of immigrant children...'

Silver Medal — Through Fences, Frederick Luis Aldama, Illustrated by Oscar Garza; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love the graphic novel approached to this. The illustrations really bring the story to life.'

Silver Medal — Together We Rise Voices from the Frontlines of Freedom, Anthology Rebelling Against Injustice; Daxson Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Anthology; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent artistic anthology on the topic of immigration.'

Bronze Medal — Osos en el cielo, Carmen Ávila; IEEPC Nuevo León (México); Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Montlucon , Francia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It captures how children use imagination to make sense of difficult emotions...'

Best Children's & Youth Poetry Book

Gold Medal — We Come From Greatness: Stories, Poems, and Art by the Youth of Antelope Valley, Volume 2, 52 Migrant Youth of Antelope Valley; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles County; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Like a breath of fresh air, writings that lift, inspire, and give hope! The personal stories feel genuine and heartfelt.'

Silver Medal — Saltos y Sueños con abuela, Leaps and Dreams with Grandma , Carmen Serrano Bruno; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Each poem addresses a familiar moment while keeping children entertained.'

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

Gold Medal — The Whole Earth is a Garden of Monsters / Toda la Tierra es Un Jardin de Monstruos, Manuel Iris; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Cincinnati; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent themes and portrayals of H. Bosch's works compared to an immigrant's life.'

Silver Medal — Chanoyu for Winter / Chanoyu Para El Invierno, Rolando Pérez; Cool Grove Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful imagery, the layouts and names in brackets made it enjoyable and easy to follow.'

Bronze Medal — Al filo de los días/ On the Edge of Days, Gustavo Gac-Artigas; Santa Rabia Poetry; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The topics are relevant and well-paced and distributed evenly throughout the book.'

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

Gold Medal — Burn Me Back, Peggy Robles- Alvarado; Four Way Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican, PR, New York City; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A formally masterful, emotionally devastating, and ultimately restorative collection exploring Puerto Rican'

Silver Medal — Echoes of Aztlán A Poetic Journey Through Race, Culture, and Ancestry, Victor Vasquez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Am; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good content, context and character of collection of poems. Solid theme.'

Silver Medal — Reality Checkmate, Daniel Ruiz; Four Way Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Bayamón, PR; Cuban ; The author(s) lives in: Denver, CO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very insightful writing on a variety of topics.'

Bronze Medal — Once Upon a Time in… Occupied Aztlán, Elindiocopyright1985; Maíz Poppin' Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thanks for the journey and illustrations.'

Bronze Medal — Someone Else's Hunger, Isabella DeSendi; Four Way Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA & Cuban ancestry; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The strongest poems combine visceral imagery with formal discipline.'

Bronze Medal — The Red Haze of The Sun, Macarena Zilveti; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile, Bolivia; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An interesting collection of well written poems.'

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

Gold Medal — Pintura mal escrita mi memoria, Juan Romero Vinueza; Centro de Estudios Literarios Antonio Cornejo Polar - Latinoamericana Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Michigan/ Ecuador; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Gran libro, me gusta cómo usa la écfrasis para hablar de la vida ordinaria, el arte, la poesía.'

Silver Medal — El Viejo en el Ombligo, Carlos Parada Ayala; Chifurnia Libros, El Salvador; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador, Latinx; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Versos muy bien logrados, ideas memorables que dejan una grata experiencia estética.'

Bronze Medal — Si No Vuelve El Verano, Kadiri J. Vaquer Fernández; Buenos Aires Poetry; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Monterey, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Buen uso del lenguaje. Imagenes interesantes.'

Bronze Medal — Tazón de Polvo, Alfredo Trejos; Nueva York Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: Costa Rica; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lenguaje de calidad.'

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

Gold Medal	Mujeres Poetas de Panamá / Women Poets of Panama, Sonia Ehlers; Modus Ludicus; Ancestry of the author(s): Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad de Panamá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This anthology reveals a meticulous study of Panamanian female poets...'
Silver Medal	Poesía Cabreada, Camilo Larrea Oña (ed., 90 authors); Editorial Alectrión; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Quito, Ecuador; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'International voices touch trees, oceans, cliffs, screams, and butterflies. Bravo.'
Bronze Medal	The Sun Will Not Harm You By Day, Nor The Moon By Night, Victoria Bañales; Jamii Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Chicanx/Mexican & USA; The author(s) lives in: Watsonville, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Each of the poems collected in this book demonstrates the author's strong connection to her roots...'

Best Poetry Anthology Book

Gold Medal	I Am Of The Tribe of Judah, Stephen A. Sadow; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well-paced, beautiful work.'
Silver Medal	Alma de Colibri - Antologia Breve de Poesia Latinoamericana, Omira Bellizzio (seleccion y prologo); POETAPOP; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' La antología destaca por la calidad y diversidad de las voces poéticas seleccionadas, logra una propuesta atractiva que celebra la riqueza cultural latinoamericana.'

Best Audio Presentation of One or More Poems

Gold Medal	Sonetos para mi flamboyán florido, Ángel Pomales-Crespo; BookBaby; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NY/Baltimore; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent poems!'

Best Video Presentation of One or More Poems

Gold Medal	All That Was Future / Todo lo que fue futuro, Iliana Pichardo Urrutia, Kadiri J Vaquer Fernández, translator Facundo Torrieri; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A solid overall presentation and presentation quality.'
Silver Medal	Mammal: Sacrifice is not a virtue, Ana Maria Caballero; Steel Toe Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami & Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I would love to see a theatrical reading or play of most of these poems.'