
2027 OHIO BOOK AWARDS

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NOMINATION FORM

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Established in 1942, the Ohio Book Awards recognize Ohio authors and illustrators for outstanding books published each year in the categories of Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Young Adult Literature, Middle Grade Literature, Juvenile Literature, and Book About Ohio or an Ohioan (which may include books by non-Ohio authors or illustrators).

CRITERIA

Any book of general interest that has been written, illustrated, or edited by a person born in Ohio who

- Was born in Ohio
- Currently lives in Ohio
- Lived in Ohio for at least three years (with the exception of "Book About Ohio or an Ohioan," which may be authored by a non-Ohioan)

Any book considered for an award must be received by the Ohioana Library during the calendar year prior to the year the award is given and must have a copyright date within the last two calendar years. A book is considered only once for an award.

- Self-published/indie-published books are eligible, but you must provide 5 physical copies for our judges. If chosen as a finalist, additional or electronic copies may be needed (we will contact you).
- Books in all categories shall be judged on the work's literary/artistic merit (50%), originality (30%), and audience appeal (20%).

NOMINEE GENERAL INFORMATION: (Use one copy of this form for each title nominated. Forms may be photocopied.

Individuals may nominate as many titles as they wish. Authors/illustrators may self-nominate)

Title of Book: _____

Publisher: _____ Copyright: _____

Category: Fiction () Nonfiction () Juvenile () Middle Grade () Young Adult () Poetry () About Ohio/an Ohioan ()

Author's Name _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Date & place of birth: _____

Place & length of residence in Ohio: _____

Please submit two copies of the book with this form. Materials will not be returned. *Please note: If a book is selected as a finalist, publishers will be asked to provide copies for awards judges.*

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of nomination: _____

Signature: _____