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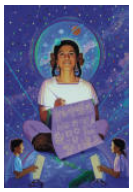

The International Latino Book Awards Celebrates The High Quality of Books By & About Latinos – Here's the 2025 Award Winning Authors

By Kirk Whisler

The International Latino Book Awards, which have been produced by Empowering Latino Futures since 1998, provide great insights into the evolution of books. This year's awards, when over 5,000 books coming in it took 222 judges to review all the entries. The most common comment from these judges was how many GREAT books they were seeing in all the various 87 categories within the Awards. The book publishing industry is in the midst of evolving, like many other industries in the USA. What is very exciting is that, finally, major publishers are welcoming Latino authors and expanding their offerings in both English and Spanish. Just as exciting is that Latino and other consumers now have a lot more books available by and about Latinos in both Spanish and English.

A further sign is that there is now a consistent audience for books in both Spanish and English with a sizeable audience of 15.4 million Latino readers across the United States. These consistent readers represent 34 percent of all Latino adults and have a combined income of $452 billion. The National Latino Reader Study's nationwide survey of 10,640 found that these readers purchase an average of 24.7 books a year, with 42 percent of the books in Spanish, a major increase from a few decades ago, when it was much harder to find a wide variety of books in Spanish in the United States.

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.

The 27th annual International Latino Book Awards was held on October 25 at the Concert Hall on the campus of MiraCosta College in Oceanside, CA. Attending the Awards were authors from across the USA and at least 30 authors from across Latin America, Spain and elsewhere in the world. It was commented that this is the most international Latino awards show after the Latin Grammies. Special awards are named after Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Allende, Rudolfo Anaya, Nora de Hoyos Comstock, Charlie Eriksen, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dolores Huerta, Hank Lacayo, Mimi Lozano, Ambassador Julian Nava, Luis Valdez, Victor Villaseñor, and Raul Yzaguirre. At the Awards finalists will receive a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal for their efforts. To learn more about the awards, entering the awards, and the Int'l Society of Latino Authors, go to www.LatinoBooks.org

This year's partners include AARP California, Amazon Literary Partnership, California State University San Bernardino, Carlsbad Public Library, Google Transformation Tech, Hudson Pacific Properties, Independent Book Publishers Association, Lantia, Las Comadres, MAAC, MiraCosta College, National Association of Hispanic Publications, Palomar College, Oceanside Public Library, Sacramento Progressive Communities, San Diego County, San Diego Council on Literacy, Somos el Poder, TrueCare, Universidad Popular, and VCC.

Since its founding in 1997 Empowering Latino Futures has held 78 Latino Book & Family Festivals around the USA with our Latino Book & Family Festivals; Served 182,500 youth with our National Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory; Honored over 4,000 books with the Int'l Latino Book Awards; provided 280,000 books to underserved youth with Education Begins in the Home; and our Latino Books into Movies Awards that has honored 199 books and scripts.

Here are this year's Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners.

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

A Children's, Chapter, & Young Adult Books

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

Gold Medal — Hooray, It's Three Kings Day: A picture Book for Epiphany, Annette M Clayton; Familius Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this book, it brought me back to my childhood and the cozyness of family during the holidays.'

Silver Medal — El Sombrero del Abuelo, Yasmarie Hernández González, Ilustrador: Alexis " Che" Cortés ; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a very loving and sad book. It opens dialogue for young readers about mortality and love for a love one.'

Bronze Medal — Abuelo, the Sea, and Me, Ismee Williams; Roaring Brook Press- Macmillan; Ancestry of the author(s): Us family from Cuba/ Illustrator: born in Brazil; The author(s) lives in: New York ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing allows the reader to feel see and experience the ocean through the narrators relationship with an abuelo. Love this.'

Bronze Medal — I am, Yo Soy, Gaby Belt; HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica, USA; The author(s) lives in: Las Vegas, NV; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Of all the books I reviewed this was hands down my favorite. Great read recommend highly.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – English

Gold Medal — Abuelita's Gift, Mariana Ríos Ramírez Illustrated by Sara Palacios; Random House Children's Books/Alfred Knopf BFYR; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Greenville, SC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A wonderful story to help young people navigate loss and embrace culture.'

Silver Medal — Life is Beautiful, Winsome Bingham Illustrated by Molly Mendoza; Simon and Schuster; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I greatly enjoyed this book; it tackeled a very difficult subject with grace.'

Silver Medal — The Girl Who Wore Pants, Susanna Isern, ilustradora Esther Gili; Nube Ocho; Ancestry of the author(s): Espana; The author(s) lives in: Santander; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoyed this book and admired Luisa's bravery for wearing pants during a time when women had so many restrictions.'

Silver Medal — The Littlest Grito, Nicholas Solis; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States Hispanic; The author(s) lives in: Austin Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoyed this story of triumph, taking such pride in the responsibility.'

Bronze Medal — Plátanos Are Love, Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, Illustrated by Mariyah Rahman; Atheneum Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican & Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful story complemented by lovely illustrations.'

Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — La orquesta en la granja de mi abuelo, Lissedia Batista-Gonzalez Illustrated by Gabriel Sorondo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This fun and easy-to-read math book is a delightful introduction to counting.'

Silver Medal — I am, Yo Soy, Gaby Belt; HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica, USA; The author(s) lives in: Las Vegas, NV; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'With warmth and clarity, it introduces young readers to diverse cultural practices, fostering empathy, curiosity, and a sense of acceptance.'

Bronze Medal — The Power of a Sister Circle: A Girl's Guide to Making Best Friends, Leticia Ordaz; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico (Mexican American); The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'it promotes essential values like teamwork, kindness, and friendship encouraging children to embrace differences & build meaningful connections.'

Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book

Gold Medal — Free to Learn: How Alfredo Lopez Fought for the Right to Go to School, Cynthia Levinson, Illustrator: Mirelle Ortega ; Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA and Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The use of narration and dialogue helped to bring the story to life and would allow young readers to feel connected to the story and to Alfredo.'

Silver Medal — Best Believe:The Tres Hermanas, a Sisterhood for the Common Good, NoNieqa Ramos, Illustrated by Nicole Medina; Lerner Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Harrisonburg, VA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully designed, and illustrated. Very inspirational.'

Bronze Medal — La jugada del dia , Ariadna Sanchez Hernandez; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Oaxaca, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This title is a labor of love for a father from a daughter taking ownership of the rich personal history immigrant parents bring with them'

Bronze Medal — Samba! The Heartbeat of a Community:Ailton Nuness Musical Journey, Philip Hoelzel; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; The author(s) lives in: Austin Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A wonderful and inspirational biographical picture book. The illustrations are beautiful and captivating.'

Best Educational Children's Picture Book – English

Gold Medal — A Fairy's Whisper, Sandra Elaine Scott; Vision Your Dreams; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this book- what a wonderful way to teach and encourage kindness.'

Silver Medal — Samba! The Heartbeat of a Community:Ailton Nuness Musical Journey, Philip Hoelzel; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; The author(s) lives in: Austin Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book nearly made me cry. Beautiful artwork, moving story.'

Bronze Medal — Celebrate Cinco De Mayo, Marisa Boan; Magic Spells for Teachers LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban American ; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was informative. The art was cute.'

Bronze Medal — Down in the Amazon The New, True Jungle Story, Mame Hill Illustrated by Mame Hill & Jorge Tenazoa; Barometer Books, Inc; Ancestry of the author(s): US; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well done children's educational book.'

Educational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — The Adventures of Topi and Topo: Two Purple Lizards of Abó and Tomé, Antonio Sanchez y Chavez Translated by David Cruz, Illustrated Ritus; New Aleph Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: USA,; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is a creative work of historical fiction that will certainly appeal to children. Love the color, illustrations and dual language'

Silver Medal — Un perrito mas, Chari Rodriguez Gonzalez; MR. MOMO (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Barcelona, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a heartwarming story that would undoubtedly appeal to children and their families.'

Bronze Medal — I Love My Magical Eye Patch!, Paty Millan Montesinos; Curious Eyes; Ancestry of the author(s): United States/ Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Jose CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Este cuento seria maravilloso verlo en una caricatura. Enseña que no es malo ser diferente.'

Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – English

Gold Medal — Born to play Beisbol: The magical career of Fernando Valenzuela, Kathleen Contreras; Espejo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: L.A; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a most lovely book - probably one of the most impactful that I have ever read'

Silver Medal — Gloriana Presente: A First Day of School Story, Alyssa Reynoso-Morris, Illustrated by Doris Rodríguez; Christy Ottaviano Books-Little Brown & Company; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican & Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful bond between Gloriana and her abuela. Strong themes resonate with young readers.'

Bronze Medal — Eloisa's Musical Window, Margarita Engle; Athenevm/ Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba US; The author(s) lives in: Fresno; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A strong positive story woven through this story is the healing and festive effect of music.'

Bronze Medal — I want to dance in Pants, Jess and Ruyman Hernandez; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; The author(s) lives in: Portland/Seattle Washington; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very upbeat story. Word usage, with a bit of rhyming. I really enjoyed the overall feel of this story.'

Inspirational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

Gold Medal — The Power of a Sister Circle: A Girl's Guide to Making Best Friends, Leticia Ordaz; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico (Mexican American); The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Author puts together a perfect world. How can we all be friends! How do we help one another!'

Silver Medal — I Love My Magical Eye Patch!, Paty Millan Montesinos; Curious Eyes; Ancestry of the author(s): United States/ Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Jose CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a good story about how to understand differences.'

Silver Medal — My Father Said/ Mi Padre Dijo, Simon Silva ; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a really lovely book, The illustrations are beautiful. The theme is wonderful, it shows that words are not the only way someone shows love is with words, like a father shows love by actions. '

Bronze Medal — El bebé ve el amor, Mar Romera; Cuentos Con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Espana; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A poignant short story about a family's love for a small child. '

Bronze Medal — Gregorina y su vaso de agua/ and her glass of water, Milagros Wallace; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story about the water cycle.'

Best Board Book

Gold Medal — The Carousel King and the Space Mission, Maxton Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved this book. The illustrations, colors feel and touch. Excellent '

Silver Medal — Yum, Yum, MEXICO! Mexican food from A to Z, Diane de Anda; Crown Books for Young Readers (Penguin/Random House); Ancestry of the author(s): usa, mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A dictionary of a Mexico food, Nice colorful pictures.'

Bronze Medal — ¿Quién muerde en la pagina verde?, Mar Romera; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Espena; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice illustrations. I like the different colors of the pages and the rhymes according to the pictures. '

Best Chapter Fiction Book

Gold Medal — City Girls, Loretta Lopez; Seven Stories Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican/American; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn,NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was a masterpiece. I was unable to stop reading once I started.'

Silver Medal — Lola, Karla Arenas Valenti; Random House Children's Books/ Alfred A. Knopf BFYR; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author made a beautifully written story full of magical realism to put grief and pain in the spotlight.'

Bronze Medal — Grow up, Luchy Zapata, Alexandra Alessandri; Simon and Schuster; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is very relatable to anyone experiencing the transition from childhood to adolescence.'

Bronze Medal — Troop Esme, Lourdes Heuer, illustrated by Marissa Valdez; Tundra Book Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain, Cuba(parents); The author(s) lives in: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story has a positive message, this story would make a great cartoon for today's children.'

Bronze Medal — Wrath of the Rain God, Karla Valenti Arenas; Simon and Schuster; ; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I think this is a fun way for younger Mexican and Mexican American readers to learn about their heritage and culture.'

Best Educational Chapter Book

Gold Medal — Estado de la Union, Kitty Felde; Chesapeake Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, German/Irish; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A mus in every school library!
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Silver Medal — Terror en Halloween, Paola Alejandra Inostroza Pérez; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I believe this book is appropriate for girls from 8-15 years old.'

Bronze Medal — Diviertete en Español Series, Despina Kozulcali; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved it- Specially how the chapter were divided.'

Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book

Gold Medal — Pedro & Daniel, Federico Erebia; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): USA & MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: BOSTON MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Pedro & Daniel is beautifully written and very easy to read. The author was very skilled at keeping the culture limits'

Silver Medal — A Bridge Home, Mona Alvarado Frazier; Arte Publico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A Bridge Home shares how struggles survive generations, as if nothing has changed.'

Bronze Medal — Pulido del Barrio Libre: La Vida de Reynaldo m. Santa Cruz, Reynaldo G Santa Cruz Jr.; Reynaldo G Santa Cruz Jr.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Berkley CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a love letter to the Santa Cruz family. The author's emotional connection and admiration for his father are heartfelt...'

Best Young Adult Fiction Book

Gold Medal — Locura bajo llave, Camila Musante; Universo de Letras (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Valvidia, Chile; The author(s) lives in: Temuco, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'From the beginning, the story plot was engaging.'

Silver Medal El Secreto Oculto De Los Andes VI- Los Indicios, Pilarica; Caligrama; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Montreal Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges '"Great book, I loved the adventure and the whimsy"'

Bronze Medal Cruzita and the Mariacheros, Ashley Granillo; Lerner Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author drew upon the emotions of the protagonists that it made me cry at the end.'

Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure

Gold Medal On the Wings of la Noche, Vanessa L Torres; Random House Children's Books/Alfred A. Knopf BFYR; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Tacoma; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book captured my attention from the very first page and didn't let go. This book is a powerful and unique...'

Silver Medal What the river knows, Isabel Ibañez; Wednesday Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Bolivian American(born in usa); The author(s) lives in: Asheville,NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a thrilling mix of adventure, fantasy, and romance, with a strong female character at its center.'

Bronze Medal The Brujos of Borderland High, 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, 'Told through evocative and lyrical verse, this fantasy novel captures the emotional depth of its characters the wonder of its world in a truly unique way.'

Best Young Adult Romance Book

Gold Medal A Cruel Thirst, Angela Montoya; Random House Children's Books/Joy Revolution; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The cover art stuck out to me from the beginning. From the moment I started reading I did not want to stop.'

Silver Medal The Sofia Bosco Effect, Rosa Esthela Mora; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book captured my attention from the start due to my love for Paris.'

Bronze Medal The Quince Project, Jessica Parra; Wednesday Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban, Guatemalan (Born in USA); The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'at some point I caught myself not wanting to put the book down.'

Most Inspirational Young Adult Book

Gold Medal Wild Dreamers , Margarita Engle; Athenevm/ Simon and Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba US; The author(s) lives in: Fresno; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is an inspirational book and will hopefully inspire young readers to protect wildlife.'

Silver Medal CEO con sabiduria, Juan Adalid Rivera; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book teaches lessons to young adults. I believe it ia an award winning book.'

Bronze Medal Newton y el profesor de Fisica, Claudio Cid; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was everything you want to see in an inspirational young adult book.'

The Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth

Gold Medal Dr. Pren y el Guerrero del Otro Mundo, Maximo Cesar Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, '¡Excelente! This book has a very good message for young adults readers.'

Silver Medal El reloj de eones, Benjamín Navarro Osorio; Áurea Ediciones Chile; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Viña del Mar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Book has a fast paced story with a good plot.'

Bronze Medal The Carousel King and the Space Mission, Maxton Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is an excellent bilingual book!'

B NonFiction Awards

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal They Call You Back: A Lost History, A Search, A Memoir, Tim Z. Hernandez; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Part research adventure, part personal memories. Worthwhile read.'

Bronze Medal Banned! The Fight for Mexican American Studies in the Streets and the Courts, Nolan L. Cabrera and Robert S. Chang; Cambridge University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Tucson; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Does a GREAT job of focusing on the Mexican American Studies program within the Tucson School District.'

Bronze Medal The Fear of Robachicos in Mexico: Media, Childhood and child Kidnapping 1900-1968, Susana Sosenski; Bloomsbury Publishing; ; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well researched book covers this serious topic very well. My wife heard these stories when she was young.'

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal Ecos Migrantes, Soudi Jimenez; Traveler; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Each chapter was a vivid new story that I could not put down...'

Silver Medal Así veo las cosas, Jorge Ramos; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Muy personal e interesante!'

Bronze Medal Darien la sombra detrás del sueño americano, Solanyely Ruiz; 0! Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Land o Lakes, FL 34638; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book was enjoyable. Interesting stories. Very good.'

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

Gold Medal Gathering Stardust, Victor Villaseñor; Waterside; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A sensitive story that invites readers to reconnect with childhood.'

Silver Medal Open Doors, Cuentos de Familia: A Tribute to family life with prompts for journaling, Flora Gamez Grateron; Wheatmark, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, Arizona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A heartfelt and evocative work celebrates family life through poetic.'

Silver Medal The Fight for Equity in the Bronx: Changing Lives and Transforming Communities One Scholar at a Time, Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez; Forbes-Advantage Media; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story line is very nicely interwoven with historical facts which enhances the quality of the book.'

Bronze Medal From Fatherless Warrior to Faithful Warden, Luis R. Marshall; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Panama; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Grea job of shinning his Panamanian roots and how he worked his way up over the years'

Bronze Medal Las Madres: Latinas in the Heartland Who Led Their Family to Success, Dennis R. Garcia; University Press of Kansas; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book could definitely be a movie.'

Bronze Medal When the light goes out, Alma Lazar; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A tale of an abusive mother, so contrary to the common image of a loving Latina mother... this mother was sadistic.'

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish

Gold Medal Deséenme un buen viaje, Gina Montaner; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written! I couldn't stop reading. Important topics: Parkinson and euthansia. I will recommend this book.'

Silver Medal Lo que te apasiona te hace libre, Paola Alejandra; LIBALULA EDITORAS; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A definite Winner. Very touching, heart warming stories. Chicken Soup for the soul would love the story about the dogs.'

Bronze Medal Imposible no mirar atrás, Rodrigo José Skaric Nualart; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Temuco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very, very good. I enjoyed every minute of it.'

Bronze Medal Un Lugar en el Mundo, Maria Juliana Pacheco Blel; Ediciones Urano Colombia-Urano World; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota D.C.-Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A book that should be on every bookshelf. Many useful resources. EXCELLENT BOOK!'

Best Biography

Gold Medal The Ballad of Roy Benavidez: The Life and Times of America's most famous Hispanic War Hero, William Sturkey; Basic Books ; ; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I'd like to see this turned into a movie.'

Silver Medal La Flecha Derecha: The Life and Times of Don Victor R. Garza, Miguel Briones; Know Culture Publishing ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Valuable historical data of political Chicano activist during the civil rights era.'

Bronze Medal Celia en Cuba, Rosa Marquetti Torres; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Entertainment history, a marvelous combination for a critic, a fan, and a music aficionado.'

Bronze Medal Deséenme un buen viaje, Gina Montaner; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, USA, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful book! Extremely sad due to the assisted, mercy killing of a loved one'

Bronze Medal René and René, René Ornelas; Amigos Publishing ; Ancestry of the author(s): United States ; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'his is a great read about Latino entertainers & their humbling rising to success!!'

Best Autobiography – English

Gold Medal Escaping the Kill Zone, Mike Powell; Shootin' Newton Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Us Latino/Mexican/Native American; The author(s) lives in: Las Vegas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Entertaining and informative narrative. I look forward to the tele-novela.'

Silver Medal Relentless: My Story of the Latino Spirit That Is Transforming America, Luis A. Miranda Jr., With Richard Wolffe. Foreword by Lin-Manuel Miranda; Hachette Book Group / Grand Central Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An engaging premise.'

Bronze Medal Detained: A Boy's Journey of Survival & Resilience, D. Esperanza; Simon & Schuster/ Primero Sueno; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a timely book that humanizes what is often lost in political rhetoric.'

Best Autobiography – Spanish

Gold Medal Así veo las cosas, Jorge Ramos; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Muy personal e interesante!'

Silver Medal Despertar El Arte De Aprender a morir, María Angélica Dávila; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Andora La Veja; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book really was told in an amazing way and was great.'

Bronze Medal Flechando Sueños: Seis décadas de inspiración, Barbara Hernandez; Ericarol Carlo Creadora de Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Republica Dominicana; The author(s) lives in: Santo Domingo, DR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excelente cuento con recomendaciones al lector!'

The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book

Gold Medal Las Madres: Latinas in the Heartland Who Led Their Family to Success, Dennis R. Garcia; University Press of Kansas; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book puts the reader right at the front seat of an unfolding sttory lived in times.'

Silver Medal Pulido del Barrio Libre: La Vida de Reynaldo m. Santa Cruz, Reynaldo G Santa Cruz Jr.; Reynaldo G Santa Cruz Jr.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Berkley CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the way it was presented as if retracing his mother's life and how it continuously changed.'

Bronze Medal Un barco de sueños, Jenisbel Acevedo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: M8iami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I liked the book! It is age appropriate for students in elementary school.'

The Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book

Gold Medal Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in The United States , Stephanie L. Canizales; University of California Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well-written, engaging, and rigorously researched, this work amplifies the voices of those most underrepresented...'

Silver Medal Excited Delirium: Race, Police Violence, and the Invention of a Disease, Aisha M. Beliso-De Jesús; Duke University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, acestry from Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Princeton; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well researched book on how police and authorities have mishandled and misclassified hundreds of deaths of Latinos and Blacks.'

Bronze Medal Central America in the Crosshairs of War: On the Road from Vietnam to Iraq, Scott Wallace; George F. Thompson Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, European-American; The author(s) lives in: Hartford, CT and Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well research book on the tragic personal impact of numerous wars in Central America.'

Best History Book

Gold Medal Remembering Conquest: Mexican Americans, Memory and Citizenship, Omar Valerio-Jimenez; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio Tx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Documentary worthy in its strength and emotional historic depth, this sweeping narrative delivers a wealth of information.'

Silver Medal Central America in the Crosshairs of War: On the Road from Vietnam to Iraq, Scott Wallace; George F. Thompson Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, European-American; The author(s) lives in: Hartford, CT and Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well research book on the tragic personal impact of numerous wars in Central America.'

Bronze Medal Only A Few Blocks To Cuba: Cold War Refugee Policy, The Cuban Diaspora, and the Transformations of Miami , Mauricio Castro; University of Pennsylvania Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica ; The author(s) lives in: Lexington, KY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sweeping in scope and worthy of a documentary'

Best Business Book

Gold Medal Financially Lit!: The Modern Latina's Guide to Level Up Your Dinero & Become Financially Poderosa, Jannese Torres; Hachette Book Group / Grand Central Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, Florida; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Full of great advice for Latina entreprenuers who want to succeed. '

Silver Medal Build a Beautiful Business con Confianza, Rosalie Ennes; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author obviously loves what she is doing – and wants to shares the mistakes she made so others learn. Should be in Spanish.'

Silver Medal El nuevo manual del vendedor exitoso: Metodo 5 C las cinco etapas para lograr un cierre infalible, Claudia Ruiz Henano; Pan House ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Medellin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well organized and full of useful information. Great charts to help readers.'

Silver Medal Manual del sueño americano, Esteban Morano; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It's a comprehensive manual, aimed at a specific audience-immigrants who choose the United States as their new home.'

Best Arts Book

Gold Medal Amalia Mesa-Bains: Rituals of Memory, Migration and Cultural Space, Tomás Ybarra-Frausto; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great book. Book documents the work of a dynamic Chicana artist.'

Silver Medal Writing An Identity Not Your Own: A Guide For creative writers, Alex Temblador; ST. Martin's Essentials New York; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a helpful tool for writers that wish to lean on narrative themes and how to start writing.'

Bronze Medal Teddy Sandoval and the Butch Gardens School of Art, C. Ondine Chavoya; Inventory Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Austin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Meets the category perfectly. Tells the story of a unique, queer artist.'

Best Gift Book

Gold Medal The Carousel King and the Space Mission, Maxton Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful book. This book offers a delightful narrative and engaging illustrations.'

Silver Medal Dia de Muertos, Trilce (Déborah Holtz y Juan Carlos Mena); Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book. This text is a masterpiece, filled with vibrant imagery and informative sections.'

Bronze Medal The Confident Leader, From Self-Doubt to Authentically You, Ana Larrea-Albert; MANUSCRIPTS PRESS; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A This is a topic we need more books about. Workable steps. Would love to see it in Spanish.'

Best Cookbook

Gold Medal Buenos Dias! The Mexican Breakfast Book, Ericka Sanchez and Nicole Presley; Familius Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Neat, neat cookbook! I made 3 recipes and the book was easy to follow.'

Silver Medal Sabor Judio: The Jewish Mexican Cookbook, Ilan Stavans and Margaret E. Boyle; Ferris & Ferris Books (an imprint of the University of North Carolina Press); ; The author(s) lives in: Chapel Hill, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, '*I enjoyed reading the back story to the Mexican Jewish cuisine. The recipes appear to be easy to prepare, most ingredients easily obtainable.* '

Bronze Medal La Enchilada Completa, The Whole Enchilada, Glenda Galván-García; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Firstly, I loved that it was bilingual. The formatting/design fit both languages seamlessly...'

Best Reference Book

Gold Medal Formas de comunicación de las aves, Lorenzo Roca Moreno; Caligrama (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Lérida, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is an extraordinary book. The author's research and creativity are reflected in his book.'

Silver Medal El buen morir, Dr. Elmer Huerta; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru, USA; The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Memorable: It's an interesting book, uses understandable technical language, and compares the views of other experts through quotes'

Bronze Medal Voltaire, Jaime Said; Universo de Letras (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Frutillar, Chile; The author(s) lives in: Temuco, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is aimed at a very specific audience.'

Best Self Transformation Book – English

Gold Medal Badass Bonita: Break the Silence, Become a Revolution, Unearth Your Inner Guerrera, Kim Guerra; Hachette Book Group / Grand Central Publishing; ; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was so engaging, relatable and impactful for our Latina community.'

Silver Medal The fight for Equity in the Bronx: Changing Lives and Transforming Communities One Scholar at a Time, Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez; Forbes-Advantage Media; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story line is very nicely interwoven with historical facts.'

Bronze Medal The Things That Shape Us, Maria Aponte; KDP Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Bronx NY; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful and poignant incredibly touching and inspiring especially for anyone who has lost a loved one. '

Best Self Transformation Book – Spanish

Gold Medal Imposible no mirar atrás, Rodrigo José Skaric Nualart; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Temuco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Inspiradora en cada historia que se desarrolla. Me encanto. '

Silver Medal Una Mujer de Lujo, Katelin Lopez Torres; Hispanos Media Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Las referencias y los ejercicios son muy buenos. Una divertida manera de atrapar al lector, y hacer aprender de cambios muy femenil'

Bronze Medal Yo soy Sabiduria 3:14, Juan Adalid Rivera; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Este libro busca cambia la perpectiva que uno tiene con su forma de actuar y relacionarse. Muy interesante'

Best Health & Wellness Book

Gold Medal — Despierta tu Metabolismo! 365 Tips para Restaurar, mejorar y Apoyar el Metabolismo, Frank Suarez; Metabolic Press LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent pocket book with just the right information and format.'

Silver Medal — Covid 19, Historia y Desafios Medicos de una Pandemia, Mauricio Perez; Villegas Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautidul design and edition, very well edited, illustrated and designed.'

Bronze Medal — Adiós a la inflamación, Sandra Moñino; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Valencia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good content. Clear and well organized. Very nice cover and design.'

Best Parenting/Family Book

Gold Medal — Decidi Ser Padre: La Honra De Ser Hombre, Jose E. Rodriguez Agosto; Power Lion/Ofelia Perez; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'it opens your eyes to things you can do to be a better parent, it uses teachings and examples from real life'

Silver Medal — ¡Se sabio Hijo Mío!, Juan Adalid Rivera; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I like this book, it has stories that make you learn and reflect and it gives the child and explanation why things happen.'

Bronze Medal — Educación del Dotado Puertorriqueño: sembrando la esperanza, ; CSB Ediciones Libros que educan; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a way for parents of gifted children to understand how they feel.'

Best Women's Issues Book

Gold Medal — Frontera Madre (hood): Brown Mothers Challenging Oppression and Transborder Violence at the U.S.- Mexico Border, Edited by Cynthia Bejarano and Maria Cristina Morales; University of Arizona Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Las Cruces, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Hits close to home.'

Silver Medal — Mujeres de Maiz en Movimiento: Spiritual Artivism, Healing Justice, and Femenist Praxis, Edited by Amber Rose Gonzalez, Felicia 'Fe' Montes, and Nadia Zeppeda; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US ; The author(s) lives in: Los, Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love that these were testimonios!'

Bronze Medal — Somos Xicanas Anthology, Edited by Luz Scweig (80 & Contributors); Riot of Roses Publishing House; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Washingtoı DC (Newport); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una antología vibrante que celebra la identidad xicana desde múltiples registros'

Best Religious Book

Gold Medal — Balidos Humanos: Lecciones del Mas Aca, Fernando Reyes; Power Lion Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A refreshing book that focuses on faith through reflection on everyday life...'

Best Spiritual Book

Gold Medal — Florecer en la viudez: manual para sanar el corazón roto tras la pérdida del amor de tu vida, Angela Maria Sierra Bustillo; Letrame Gupo Editorial; Ancestry of the author (s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Baranquilla; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Extremely positive book on becoming a widow! Very supportive and well thought out!!'

Silver Medal — El Chamán un águila y yo, Iliana Esparza L.; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Many spiritual people will read this wonderful book full of struggles, hardships but a very triumphant story!'

Bronze Medal — Gathering Stardust, Victor Villaseñor; Waterside; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the illustrations. Neat reading about the relationship he had with his grandma at such a tender age of 6! '

Best Sports/Recreation Book

Gold Medal — Born to play Beisbol: The magical career of Fernando Valenzuela, Kathleen Contreras; Espejo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican ancestry; The autho (s) lives in: L.A; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is the best book I've read this year.'

Silver Medal — La jugada del dia , Ariadna Sanchez Hernandez; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Oaxaca, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very cute, loved the design and passion and representation of Oaxacan culture in this book.'

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The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal — The Border Between Us, Rudy Ruiz; Blackstone Publishing ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author is a natural storyteller.'

Silver Medal — Like Happiness, Ursula Villarreal Moura; Celadon Books/Macmillan; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book combines literary excellence with urgent contemporary themes'

Bronze Medal — The Best That You Can Do, Amina Lolita Gautier; Soft Skull Press/ Catapult; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a masterful collection that combines artistic excellence with vital cultural representation.'

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal — Sabor a chocolate, Rocky Barilla; Rosquete Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Esta es una novela muy bonita, tierna e interesante. La historia desde principio a fin mantiene al lector interesado y es dificil dejar de leer el libro'

Silver Medal — Marina con almendrones, Patricia Schaefer Röder; Ediciones Scriba NYC; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Esta es una historia muy pasiva. La historia de como día a día se iba formando una amistad verdadera de 2 pintores elocuentes.'

Bronze Medal — Entre dos aguas, Cristina Henriquez; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This historical fiction was one I couldn't put down'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – English

Gold Medal — The Best That You Can Do, Amina Lolita Gautier; Soft Skull Press/ Catapult; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The Best That You Can Do is a stunning collection of short stories that captures the complexity of the Afro-Latin experience.'

Silver Medal — Lady Without Land, Krystal Anali Vazquez; Texas Review Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: New York City, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lady Without Land is a slice-of-life story about a Mexican girl growing up in an all-white neighborhood.'

Bronze Medal Hombrecito, Santiago Jose Sanchez; Penguin Random House, Riverhead Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Ibague, Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Grinnell, Iowa; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A coming-of-age story about a gay young man navigating life both as an immigrant and upon his return to his home country of Colombia.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – Spanish

Gold Medal El rugido de lautaro, Daniel Cano; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Washington, USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a compelling story. It's an excellent blend of indigenous history and contemporary history.'

Silver Medal Las hijas de Enrico Russo, Ericarol Carlo; Ericarol Carlo Creadora de Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Republica Dominicana; The author(s) lives in: Santo Domingo, DR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Profound- tugs at soul. Creatively connects with audience.'

Bronze Medal El dia que trascendi los limites de la cordura, Sandra M Colorado; Portadas PR; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the representation of mental health and the struggles someone may come across with them.'

Bronze Medal Siempre la lluvia, Clara Astarloa; Caligrama (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Buenos Aires, Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires, Argentina; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Creatively written, great sense of humor with the generational realities'

Best Popular Fiction

Gold Medal The Many Mothers of Dolores Moore, Anika Fajardo; Gallery Books (Imprint of Simon & Schuster); Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis Minnesota; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful cover and design! Timely subject matter.'

Silver Medal El Eslabon De Chihuahua, Miguel Angel Santiago; Elvo Editoral; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain/ España; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Sevilla; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book reads a true thriller, it has science, international as well as great pace for the reader to get inside the story. '

Bronze Medal El dia que trascendi los limites de la cordura, Sandra M Colorado; Portadas PR; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the representation of mental health and the struggles someone may come across with them. Great, quick read.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English

Gold Medal On the Mad River, Lucrecia Guerrero; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S.A - Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Yellow Springs, Ohio; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a whirlwind! Loved the independence for character'

Silver Medal THE ORCHID: The Secret Code of Modern Goddesses, Rocio Aquino & Angel Orengo; For The Highest Good Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A great story that feels like a guide book for those who are needing some life direction.'

Bronze Medal The Fabulous Mickey Finn, Mike Powell; Shootin' Newton Publisher; Ancestry of the author(s): usa/mexico; The author(s) lives in: Las Vegas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Action packed. Suspenseful.'

Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish

Gold Medal Astrogol, Daniel Belgrado; Circulo Rojo; Ancestry of the author(s): Yugoslavia (Servia) Nacional Portuges; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Espana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very original story. Easy to read and grabs your interest. You can't help but cheer for Raul.'

Silver Medal Casa Grande, Ana Cadavid; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Pereira; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author described the villages/towns, food & customs in such a realistic manner- you felt like you were traveling through Columbia'

Bronze Medal TERCA, Lupita Vera; Huequito Literario; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, of Mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Toluca, Estado de Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Increadibly moving story, captivating, fast, and enjoyable read.'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English

Gold Medal A Bridge Home, Mona Alvarado Frazier; Arte Publico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Author depicts young teens growing up during the turbulent VietNam 70's amidst the Chicano movement.'

Gold Medal Malinalli, Veronica Chapa; Simon & Schuster/ Primero Sueno; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I wish I would've read this book when I was in college and searching for books to read about Mexican History.'

Silver Medal Dispossessed, Desiree Zamorano; RIZE Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good historical fiction book.'

Silver Medal The Things We Didn't Know, Elba Iris Pérez; Gallery Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Houston; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Award worthy read.'

Bronze Medal Gardens Of Plenty, Ron Arias; Peace Corps Worldwide; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very creative, really makes the reader feel involved.'

Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish

Gold Medal Un Corazón Extraviado, María de Alva; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book! the best book this year, by far.'

Silver Medal Los Seteros, Historias de un monje trapense, Jose Luis Marin Aranda; Grupo Editorial Sial Pigmalion; Ancestry of the author(s): Espana; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great interdisplinary approach to the life of monks'

Bronze Medal Azul Humo (Benemerita Universidad Autonoma de Puebla), Antolina Ortiz Moore; BUAP; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico (CDMX); The author(s) lives in: Montral Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It invites the reader in. Beautifully written, I really loved the short-story narrative- like story line'

Bronze Medal Entre dos aguas, Cristina Henriquez; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'You can immediately see the extensive research that the author did to learn about the history of the Panama Canal.'

Bronze Medal La maldición de Santa Águeda:1898 más allá del olvido, José Francisco Buscaglia; Editorial Verbum; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book makes for an excellent read of a moment in history, I would reccomend history professors include this book in their classes.'

Best Novel - Mystery – English

Gold Medal Not the Killing Kind, Maria Kelson; Crooked Lane Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Not the Killing Kind is an engaging suspense novel that raises compelling questions about the lengths a mother will go to prove her son's innocence.'

Silver Medal The Postcard, Mariela Dabbah; Red Shoe Movement; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Throughout the story there is an expectation of a happy ending, but life's realities are front and center...'

Bronze Medal Every Arc Bends Its Radian, Sergio De La Pava; Simon & Schuster Trade; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Author De La Pava bends the genre into a more speculative mystery, creating an unconventional narrative approach.'

Best Novel - Mystery – Spanish

Gold Medal Frío bajo cero, Maricruz Velázquez Rivera; Universo de Letras (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City, MX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well-written and I couldn't put it down. Best in category.'

Silver Medal Hotel California, Ramón Valdés Elizondo; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great thriller with unexpected twists. Good writing and an all over good read!'

Bronze Medal Quitral, Javi Zanelli; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Quitral delivers a rich blend of Chilean folklore and emotional tension. I wish I could give more stars for this presentation. The book is absolutely beautiful.'

Best Novel - Fantasy

Gold Medal Solo un alma más, Sandra GJ; Mil Amores (Lantia); Ancestry of the author(s): Andalucía, Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story was FANTASTIC! The detail and the wording, beautiful!'

Silver Medal Dragon. La fama y otros infiernos, Milagros Lozano Mantilla; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad de Panama; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A story of young musicians who become a famous rock band. The theme of relationships between these protagonists is fascinating.'

Bronze Medal Más que luz y oscuridad, Imara Msanii; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book had everything! It will be a personal favorite!'

Best Novel - Science-Fiction

Gold Medal Coagulación Necrótica Diseminada, Nicolás Ignacio González Coloma; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Me gustó para los jóvenes.'

Silver Medal The Ghosts of Gwendolyn Montgomery, Clarence A. Haynes; Hachette Book Group / Grand Central Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Award winning book, captivating, and keeps you reading'

Bronze Medal Frankenstein Chicano, Daniel A. Olivas; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was a must read for everyone who loves science fiction! It had everything'

Bronze Medal Rebel Unbound: First Book of the Promissa Triology, E.R. Phoenix; E.R. Phoenix; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is intense! Really showcases a dystopian universe were people have to fight to survive.'

Best Novel - Romance

Gold Medal DOROTEA, Martín Macouzet García; Caligrama; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Montreal; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It's engaging from start to finish, with a heartwarming, feel-good ending that it leaves you smiling.'

Silver Medal Guía para escapar del infierno, Elisa Menz; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Bolivia; The author(s) lives in: Santiago,Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Utterly facinating from the first paragraph. Almost absurd in content but hard to put down.'

Bronze Medal Cincinnati, una historia de amor que trasciende el tiempo, Heidie Rosado Nieves; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico ; The author(s) lives in: San Juan PR ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It captures the truths of love and the impact of the choices we make with honesty and depth.'

Bronze Medal El secreto de Esmeralda, Eimy Rodríguez; Barker Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Republic Dominican; The author(s) lives in: NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story is filled with plot twist, much like what happens in real life. Great dialogue and excellent flow'

Best Graphic Novel

Gold Medal Halfway to Somewhere, J Jose Pimienta; Random House Children's Books/Random House Graphic; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story. The art was beautiful and added to the storytelling.'

Silver Medal Speak Up, Santiago, Julio Anta, illustrated by Gabi Mendez; Random House Children's Books/Random House Graphic; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Cuban and Colombian American; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great graphic novel.'

Bronze Medal Just Another Story: A Graphic Migration Account, Ernesto Saade; Lerner Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: San Salvador, El Salvador; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I could easily see it turned into a movie with it's rising climax.'

Best Collection of Short Stories – English

Gold Medal Guatemalan Rhapsody, Jared Lemus; Ecco, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Pittsburgh, PA ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The themes of growing up Guatemalan makes for vivid and refreshing stories.'

Silver Medal A Mexican Maze Without Borders, Marc Zimmerman; La Casa Chicago; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Romania; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, San Juan Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great reading and interesting characters-wantng to learn more about them-their continued lives! Bravo!'

Silver Medal The Best That You Can Do, Amina Lolita Gautier; Soft Skull Press/ Catapult; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written stories that are rich in culture and appropriate for all audiences.'

Bronze Medal Tales from the Tortilla Curtain and other Stories, Rolando J Diaz; Proisle Publishing Service LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Dallas Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed the stories, and creativity. Can see this in a Chicano Studies class library. '

Best Collection of Short Stories – Spanish

Gold Medal Cuatro Estaciones, Michael Vera Villanueva; Trayecto Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Chillán; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Muy bien escrito, Me mantuvo leyedo hasta el aterdecer. '

Silver Medal Exodos, Juan Feliz Algarin Carmona, Isamarie Castrodad, Shara Lavender, Miranda Merced, Hector Morales Rosado, Andres O'Neill, Luccia Reveron, Sandra Santana, Designed Zayra Taranto; Ediciones Yunque LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): San Juan, PR; The author(s) lives in: Carolina, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The short stories were captivating, I loved the intriguing title.'

Bronze Medal Solo Para Insomnes, Rocio Uchofen; Suburbano Ediciones/ Maquinaciones Narrativa; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru-Peruvian; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Best book I have read this year.'

Best Fiction - Horror

Gold Medal Quitral, Javi Zanelli; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Definately for enthusiast of the genre. Beautiful presentation. Enjoyable.'

Silver Medal Ritual de Sombras, Daniel Krowman; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fresh take on a vampire legend. As someone who loves this genre I felt this book makes a great addition to love.'

D eBooks & Audio Awards

Best eBook

Gold Medal WHAT COLOR IS YOUR HAND?/¿DE QUÉ COLOR ES TU MANO?, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Archway Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story line is engaging, enjoyable, and well-organized, making for a compelling read.'

Silver Medal Cholx Counterstory, Dr. Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, PhD, MFA, eBook cover art by Paola Rascón Augment Reality by Augment El Paso; INTERMEZZO; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Xicanx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story and historical narrative are both engaging and well-written.'

Bronze Medal GALENA, Pepa M. Aguilera; Circulo Rojo; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Alicante; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The novel presents an engaging and well-organized storyline, supported by well-developed characters that add depth.'

Best Audiobook

Gold Medal Despertar El Arte De Aprender a morir, María Angélica Dávila; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Andora La Veja; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book really was told in an amazing way and was great.'

Silver Medal The Border Between Us, Rudy Ruiz; Blackstone Publishing ; Ancestry of the author(s): Born in Mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Between Boston& San Antonio; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author is a natural storyteller. He captures the essence of a young boy's world...'

Bronze Medal THE ORCHID: The Secret Code of Modern Goddesses, Rocio Aquino & Angel Orengo; For The Highest Good Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'VERY REFLECTIVE AND ALLOWS FOR INTROSPECTIVES WITHIN ONES SELF. EXCELLENT BOOK.'

E Portuguese Awards

Best Children's Picture Book in Portuguese

Gold Medal O Pinguim Azul, Michelly Gassmann; Editora Goiabinha; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Sâo Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A story about what an active, fun child would do or say when playing or being curious about playing with other kids' through the character of a penguin'

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese

Gold Medal Cora do cerrado, Tana Moreano; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Maringá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Awesome writing; engaging plot; read it in one night; shared it with my oldest daughter who loved it.'

Silver Medal Ninguém mais que o trauma da pandemia, o seu esquecimento e o limiar de uma nova erar saber:, Maria Gravina Ogata; Caravana Grupo Editorial (OuroPreto/MG, Brazil); Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil, Italy; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo/Brazil and Veneto/Italy; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a personal, incredible true story that we all lived: COVID!'

Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese

Gold Medal Cora do cerrado, Tana Moreano; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Maringá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Walter Salles needs to direct the film; one of the best books I have read this year'

Gold Medal Nao se esqueca de mim!, Solange Vamira Ocker dos Santos; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasil; The author(s) lives in: Governador celso Ramos S.C Cep 88 190-000; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'powerful writing; engaging story; great cover; one of the two best books in the collection'

Silver Medal Diarios da Caserna: Dossie Smart- a historia que exercito quer riscar, Rubens Pierrotti Jr.; Editora Labrador; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasil,Italila; The author(s) lives in: Rio De Janero-RJ-Brasil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent writing style; engaging; has that Will Trent edge about it.'

Bronze Medal Os Crimes Do Jardim Celeste, Pedro Cadina; Patua Editora; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Sao Paulo/Brazil; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story; developed characters; has a Luiz Alfredo Garcia Roza vibe.'

F Design & Marketing Awards

Best Cover Design

Gold Medal Jockey CLub de Bogota, 150 anos , Alvaro Holguin y Caro and others; Villegas Editores ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'rom the sheer, embossed cover and gold trimmed pages their lover is excellent and elegant!'

Silver Medal THE ORCHID: The Secret Code of Modern Goddesses, Rocio Aquino & Angel Orengo; For The Highest Good Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very nice design, makes it feel like a true gift. Illustration and design are superb.'

Bronze Medal Un Café con la elefanta, Haydee Zayas-Ramos/ Illustrator: Marcela Rojas-Figueroa; Hilo Colectivo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful edition with great illustrations. Perfect size for the audience.'

Best Cover Illustration or Photo

Gold Medal El Sonador y la Estrella un Espejismo de amor, Liz de Ambar Illustrated by Katherine Del Real; S.E. Pinar Publisher LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Chicago IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful illustration that can captivate those who seek answers beyond the tangible.'

Silver Medal Centering Pura Vida, Lily E. Espinoza; Alive Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S.A, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Oakland/San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This cover invites readers to explore the topic with joy and reflects the culture it speaks about.'

Bronze Medal Cuidar y Crecer, Blanca R. Garcia Salgado, Illustration by Javier I. Toro Torres; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Caring for our elders is a topic that must be addressed- within families...'

Best Interior Design

Gold Medal — Consteladas remembranzas/Constellated Remembraces, Nancy R. Santiago Capetillo; Caballero Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent use of fonts; illustration were enhanced with poetry. I loved that is was bilingual. Her poems were easy to read'

Silver Medal — Sons of Salt, Yaccaira Salvatierra; BOA Editions; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This beautifully designed book shows off very well the author's creative poetry forms and layouts.'

Best Use of Photos or Illustrations Inside a Book

Gold Medal — Dia de Muertos, Trilce (Déborah Holtz y Juan Carlos Mena); Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The whole book is photos and illustrations so there is no lack of great images.'

Silver Medal — Gregorina y su vaso de agua/ and her glass of water, Milagros Wallace; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice focus on central character.'

Bronze Medal — Listen, Wonder, Ask, Elly Berke, illustrated by Luciana Navarro Powell; Tilbury House Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil, Brazilian; The author(s) lives in: Portlan/Seattle Washington; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the texture in the illustrations. Work well with the content.'

Best Author Video Promoting a Book

Gold Medal — THE ORCHID: The Secret Code of Modern Goddesses, Rocio Aquino & Angel Orengo; For The Highest Good Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The Secret Code of the Modern Goddesses promo video does an amazing job of immersing the viewer into the essence of the book.'

Silver Medal — El niño en la puerta, Sara Virginia Apping Marquez; Moon Boat Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Houston Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I appreciated the music, it sounds like música llanera. The illustrations were beautiful.'

Bronze Medal — Centering Pura Vida, Lily E. Espinoza; Alive Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S.A, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Oakland/San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It was an interesting interview, an orignal way to promote a book. It is the type of story I enjoy reading, watching or hearing'

Best Website Promoting a Book

Gold Medal — Unraveled-A Journey Led by Faith and Hope, Sylvia R. Merino; Jetlaunch; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Colorful, eye-catching, and beautifully designed, I find it very well done, visually appealing and easy to use'

G Translation Awards

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal — Gregorina y su vaso de agua/ and her glass of water, Milagros Wallace; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good translation. I liked the rhymes in both languages.'

Silver Medal — Dasha: Descubriendo tu don (Dasha: Finding your God-given talent), Andrea Briceno & Reynold Roque; Paquicornio Libros; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela & Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good translation. Teaches family values and how to find your God-given talent.'

Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal — El Tanquecito , Teri Weber; Elva Resa Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): US Puerto Rico, Panama, Guatemala; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved this book. Informative nice illustrations easy to read.'

Silver Medal — Hooray, It's Three Kings Day: A picture Book for Epiphany , Annette M Clayton; Familius Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Teaches about Puerto Rican traditions during Christmas time. A sweet story.'

Bronze Medal — What Color is Your Hand? ¿De qué color es tu mano?, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Archway Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good for classroom reading.'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal — Ni Xochitl Ni Kuikatl / A Song of Flowers, Mardonio Carballo; JBE BOOKS; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Both the language and culture of the writing should be shared.'

Silver Medal — Arepas for the Future, Ximena Montilla Arreaza, illustrated by Ira León; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such a fun and interesting Volume with cumulus that we may not heard of. The book is beautiful.'

Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal — Olga muere soñando, Xochitl Gonzalez, translated by Roque Raquel Salas Rivera; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It could make a good movie or TV show.'

Silver Medal — LatinoLand, Marie Arana, translated by Mateo Cardona Vallejo; Simon & Schuster/ Primero Sueno; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombian; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Captivating and well-written. I would definitely recommend this book. '

Bronze Medal — Más allá de Vietnam, Dr. Martin Luther King; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has a much better cadence in Spanish to match the language usage in English.'

Bronze Medal — Puerto Rico: Historia de una nación, Jorell Meléndez-Badillo, translated by Aurora Lauzardo; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Madison, WI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Would recommend this book. The book took me back to "Los Hijos de Sanchez".'

Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English

Gold Medal — You Dreamed of Empires, Alvaro Enrigue, translated by Natasha Wimmer; Penguin Random House, Riverhead Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Guadalajara, Jalisco; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This novel could be adapted to a movie or TV show. Convincing characters and settings.'

Silver Medal — Clean, Alia Trabucco Zerán, translated by Sophie Hughes; Penguin Random House, Riverhead Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Santiago, Chile; The author(s) lives in: London, England; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The narrative of Clean is very compelling and propulsive.'

Bronze Medal — Dr. Pren and the Guardian of the Vortex, Maximo Cesar Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/México; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, Baltimore Washington D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderfully written for young male reader and young readers in general.'

Best Fiction Book Translation - English to Spanish

Gold Medal — Entre dos aguas, Cristina Henriquez; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful and expansive historical fiction with a memorable and engaging cast of characters!'

H The Mariposa Awards

Best First Book - Children & Youth – English

Gold Medal — The Mortician's Daughter: Undertaking the 6th Grade, Natalie Vazquez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, Taino, Africa, Spanish; The author(s) lives in: Hartfort, CT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a great read and a coming of age book.'

Silver Medal — Pedro & Daniel, Federico Erebia; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): USA & MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: BOSTON MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Pedro & Daniel is beautifully written and very easy to read. The author was very skilled at keeping the culture limits'

Bronze Medal — My Ladybug, Nelida L Valentin; NV Publishings; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: NJ, NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Super art makes the book come alive.'

Best First Book - Children & Youth – Spanish

Gold Medal — Las Cabanuelas; An Ancient Weather Prediction & Farming Story, Elsa Martinez Hinojosa; Del Alma Publications LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Laredo, Tx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a meaningful written book. Good story.'

Silver Medal — El niño en la puerta, Sara Virginia Apping Marquez; Moon Boat Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Houston Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great read aloud and for teachig concepts of immigration and valuing ones cultural heritage.'

Bronze Medal — The Carousel King and the Space Mission, Maxton Baeza; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S. Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This board book was beautiful and the story is just captivating for little readers'

Best First Book - Nonfiction – English

Gold Medal — Whiskey Tender, Deborah Taffa; HarperCollins Publisher; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I found the novel enlightening in its delving of complex themes such as assimilation, inherited trauma & healing.'

Silver Medal — Building Material, Stephen Bruno; HarperCollins Publisher; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Readers will find this novel to be honest and insightful. Got interested in the book right away and it kept my attention'

Bronze Medal — Duty Calls: Lessons Learned from an unexpected life of service, Dr. Antonia Coelle Novello and Jill S. Tietjen, PE; Fulcrum Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S, Puerto Rico (Novello); The author(s) lives in: Orlando, Florida, (Novello); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book offers inspiration and will challenge you, inspire you, and move you to tears while providing insight into one of the most influential women of our time'

Best First Book - Nonfiction – Spanish

Gold Medal — Cuando El deber llama, Dr. Antonia Coelle Novello and Jill S. Tietjen, PE; Ediciones Filos; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S, Puerto Rico (Novello); The author(s) lives in: Orlando, Florida, (Novello); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An interesting biography that gives an insight into what happens inside the American hall of power'

Silver Medal — Cuando seas mi madre, Paula Pérez G; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Medellin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An intimate story about a key value in Western civilization: honoring parents.'

Bronze Medal — Felicidad, Lina Martinez; Penguin Random House-Debate; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia, ascendencia Colombiana; The author(s) lives in: Cali, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a complex and holistic analysis, in which the absence of a spiritual perspective, especially a Western one, is felt.'

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

Gold Medal — THE ORCHID: The Secret Code of Modern Goddesses, Rocio Aquino & Angel Orengo; For The Highest Good Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A great book to introduce the reader to various life techniques that they could turn around and use themselves.'

Silver Medal — Women So Divine, Alicia Garza-Martinez; Page Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Monterrey MX; The author(s) lives in: Austin TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Talk about family dynamics! Kept my interest in continued reading! Great storyline!'

Bronze Medal — Calaguerra, Ruben Najera; Bloodmoon Comics; Ancestry of the author(s): United States; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix/Tucson; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Part of a series of graphic novels for adults.'

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

Gold Medal — Dragon. La fama y otros infiernos, Milagros Lozano Mantilla; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad de Panama; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This a richly detailed and well-developed fantasy narrative, where ancient legends manifest in contemporary settings.'

Silver Medal — Haxan, Macarena Valeska Carcamo Munoz; Sietch ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Valparaiso, Ch; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was easy to follow. It had excellent and vivid descriptions and a captivating story. I didn't want to stop reading it'

Bronze Medal — Cincinnati, una historia de amor que trasciende el tiempo, Heidie Rosado Nieves; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico ; The author(s) lives in: San Juan PR ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It captures the truths of love and the impact of the choices we make with honesty and depth.'

I Themed Awards

The Dolores Huerta Best Cultural & Community Themed Book – English

Gold Medal — Las Madres: Latinas in the Heartland Who Led Their Family to Success, Dennis R. Garcia; University Press of Kansas; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book made me appreciate storytelling passed from one generation to the next.'

Silver Medal — Our Oceanside: A Collection of Learner Stories, Volume 2, Lupita Vergara, Amalia Morales Ramirez, Josefina Z. Doris E. Garces Lopez, Philip Gabriel Ramirez Editor: Chelsea Eggli ; Oceanside READS Adult Literacy; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Venezuela. Colombia, USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA, USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Oside READS authors inspire and motivate readers with their stories, poems and sayings.'

Silver Medal — Somos Xicanas Anthology, Edited by Luz Scweig (80 & Contributors); Riot of Roses Publishing House; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC (Newport); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'amazing stories depicting efforts by Xicanas in regards to the hard work ethic, echandole ganas efforts in spite of the "ni de aqui y ni de alla" discriminatory practices faced by citizens of both the U.S. or Mexico'

Bronze Medal Remembering Conquest: Mexican Americans, Memory and Citizenship, Omar Valerio-Jimenez; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio Tx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An interesting presentation of the relationship between the Mexican- American War and the civil rights struggle.'

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

Gold Medal Dia de Muertos, Trilce (Déborah Holtz y Juan Carlos Mena); Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was my favorite book! Visually it was gorgeous.'

Silver Medal The Power of a Sister Circle: A Girl's Guide to Making Best Friends, Leticia Ordaz; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico (Mexican American); The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The power of a Sister Circle was beautifully written, illustrated and has great positive messages that flowed smoothly throughout the book.'

Bronze Medal Ramas y Raices: The Best of Calma, Mario Acevedo; Colorado Alliance of Latino Mentors and Authors; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, MEXICO; The author(s) lives in: Denver, CO Usa; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Hard to put down, I will share it with everyone I know, loved it!'

Bronze Medal Testigo 2, Manuel Martinez Maldonado; Publicaciones Gaviotas; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This entry is well-researched, well-sourced, and well written.'

Best LGBTQ+ Themed Book

Gold Medal La máscara invisible, Estela González; Textofilia; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Guadalajara, Jalisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I believe this could be a good TV show. All this stories can be small episodes'

Silver Medal Gay Poetics of the Passion, Luis Lopez-Maldonado, Photography by Melissa Artieda; FlowerSong Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexico (Chicano); The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Strong beautiful book! Beautiful design!'

Bronze Medal Por que Rufus esta triste?, Sandra M. Colorado; Publicacion Independiente; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Guaysaibo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is the cutest book I have ever had the honor to hold.'

Bronze Medal Teddy Sandoval and the Butch Gardens School of Art, C. Ondine Chavoya; Inventory Press(Los Angeles,CA); Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Austin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A book worth reading.'

The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Ethnic Studies Book

Gold Medal Civil Rights in Bakersfield, Oliver A Rosales; University of Texas Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A perfect fit for this category. Great for the Kern County schools to use.'

Silver Medal The fight for Equity in the Bronx: Changing Lives and Transforming Communities One Scholar at a Time, Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez; Forbes-Advantage Media; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: NYC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story line is very nicely interwoven with historical facts which enhances the quality of the book.'

Best Academic Themed Book, College Level

Gold Medal Mujeres de Maiz en Movimiento: Spiritual Artivism, Healing Justice, and Femenist Praxis, Edited by Amber Rose Gonzalez, Felicia 'Fe' Montes, and Nadia Zeppeda; University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US ; The author(s) lives in: Los, Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very interesting for women's studies and Chicana studies.'

Silver Medal Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States, Rafael A. Martínez; University of Arizona Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was so relevant and engaging- documented and undocumented this book is very timely and a little dangerous. Love it'

Silver Medal The Serpent's Plumes: Nahua Flowered Words in Movement, Adam W. Coon; Sunny Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis, MN; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This study is based on a solid background on Native literature today. Important to add for studies folder literature'

Bronze Medal Las mujeres asaltan la histora, Luz Nereida Lebron Delgado; Editoral Santuario-Republica Dominicana; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'author gave a lot of context around the topic which allowed me as the reader to follow the topic'

Bronze Medal Playful Protest: The Political Work of Joy in Latinx Media, Kristie Soares; University of Illinois Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuba, Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Denver; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book was very appealing from the cover. This is a serious inter disciplinary of Cuban and Political humor.'

Bronze Medal Puerto Rico: Historia de una nación, Jorell Meléndez-Badillo; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Madison, WI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A solid academic history of Puerto Rico from pre colonial times to hurricane Maria.'

Bronze Medal The Wound and the Stitch: A Genealogy of the Female Body from Medieval Iberia to SoCal Chicanx Art, Dr. Loretta Victoria Ramirez; Penn State University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA Chicana (Mexican Ancestry); The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I liked how this book allowed me to self reflect. It included interesting facts.'

Best Book About Military Service

Gold Medal Algunos regresamos vivos, Alain Pallais; Valparaíso Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua; The author(s) lives in: L.A, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Uses poetry as a lens to bring readers into the lived experiences of American soldiers in Iraq.'

Silver Medal El Proposito de Estrella: Una mission militar, Krista Betcher, Gaabriella Aldeman; Elva Resa Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): US Puerto Rico, Panama, Guatemala; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this book. It is a cute way of connecting the stars to the military,'

Bronze Medal De Guerrero Sin Padre a Fiel Superintendente De Prisiones
, Luis R. Marshall; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Panama; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta, GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Great job of shinning his Panamanian roots and how he worked his way up over the years.'

Best Latina Themed Book

Gold Medal The Power of a Sister Circle: A Girl's Guide to Making Best Friends, Leticia Ordaz; Cielito Lindo Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico (Mexican American); The author(s) lives in: Sacramento; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'As soon as I saw this book, I knew it was going to be great! Great message of friendship, great cover, illustrations & design!'

Silver Medal Mujeres de Maiz en Movimiento: Spiritual Activism, Healing Justice, and Feminist Praxis, Edited by Rose González, Felicia "Fe" Montes, and Nadia Zepeda; University of Arizona Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Long Beach, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Great content and very well written. Excellent addition of art images.'

Bronze Medal Latinas imparables, Valeria Aloe; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Jersey City, NJ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great content! Content very relatable to first generation immigrants.'

Bronze Medal Soy sostenible 360 grados, desde la raiz hasta la flor, Susi Velasco; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Bonn; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great content, very well presented and it covers a very important topic.'

Luis Valdez Best Play or Collection of Plays

Gold Medal Escribir en puertoriqueño, Luis Rafael Sánchez; Editorial Planeta USA; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, USA; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It should be on the reading list of any course of Latin American Literature or Hispanic Studies.'

Best Environmental Awareness Themed Book

Gold Medal Composting for community, Michael Martinez; Gloo Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is great to teach children about recycling and using food items to compost and grow your own items.'

Silver Medal Los Mundos de Lonstal: Libro Primero, Jose Rabelo; Isla Negra Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Gurabo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the graphic novel feel to this book. I was totally aborted by the story.'

Best Immigration Themed Book

Gold Medal Sin Padres, Ni Papeles: Unaccompanied Migrant Youth Coming of Age in The United States , Stephanie L. Canizales; University of California Press; Ancestry of the author (s): USA, El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A much needed book that shines on the tens of thousands of unaccompanied migrant youth in the USA.'

Silver Medal Borderlands and the Mexican American Story, David Dorado Romo; Random House Childrens Books/Crown ; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexican; The author (s) lives in: El Paso Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great Book! We need this book in our classrooms. Our students need to hear our stories.'

Bronze Medal Carmelita, Meagan O'Toole Pitts; Pittsy Pie Publishing LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexican ; The author(s) lives in: El Paso Tx; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very engaging for a children's book audience as well as parents, Love that it is a completely bilingual book'

Bronze Medal Estado de la Union, Kitty Felde; Chesapeake Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, German/Irish; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This children's book is well-written and presented. Enjoyed reading this book.'

Bronze Medal Tus pequeñas huellas, Oswaldo Estrada; Suburbano; Ancestry of the author(s): Peruvian-American; The author(s) lives in: Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has very well-developed characters and is well-written.'

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Best Children's & Youth Poetry Book

Gold Medal ¿Quién muerde en la pagina verde?, Mar Romera; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Espena; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has illustrations that are very appealing for young children and compliment the text beautifully.'

Silver Medal HaiCuba/Haikuba: Haikus about Cuba in Spanish and English, Carlos Pintado & Lawrence Schimel; North South Books/Ediciones Norte Sur; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba/United States; The author(s) lives in: Miami/Lawrence; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a beautiful homage to Cuba in beautifully written haikus. I can see this book in any classroom...'

Bronze Medal It's All or Nothing, Vale, Andrea Beatriz Arango; Random House Children's Books/Random House for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a beatful story of overcoming adversity and dealing with the punches life throws at you.'

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

Gold Medal Amor entre aguaceros/ Love between downpours, Jean-Pierre Rueda; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: Long Beach CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A reader's magic ride through the author's mind and heart.'

Silver Medal Chén che re: Un libro habitado por el polen / A Book Inhabited by Pollen, Mardonio Carballo; Nauyaka Producciones y Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The ode to indigenous cultural connections is spectacular.'

Bronze Medal There will be days, Brown Boy, Alejandro Jimenez; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Santa fe, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I was hooked and inspired by the intricate memories that evoked the same in me'

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

Gold Medal The Eaters of Flowers, Iréne Lara Silva; Saddle Road Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican-Indigenious ancestry; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'So much rhythm. "Taking Inventory" is a revelation and an invitation to reflection.'

Silver Medal The Book of Wounded Sparrows, Octavio Quintanilla; TRP: The University Press of SHSU; Ancestry of the author(s): United States, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Powerful music in these poems. The language surprises and instructs through emotion, memory, image'

Bronze Medal Assimilated Natives, Gume Laurel III; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the contagious and honesty of his words & his feelings.'

Bronze Medal Return Against the Flow, Susana Praver Perez; Black Lawrence Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA grandaughter of immigrants from Easter Europe part Puerto Rican community for over 45 years; The author(s) lives in: Oakland California, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lyrical. Powerful images, effective use of rhythm. Unique and engaging phrasing.'

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

Gold Medal Conjuros: El pulso del agua, Oscar Diaz Antillanca; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile Mapuche; The author(s) lives in: Valdivia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Visually stands out for the illustrations. The poems celebrate all life and its mysteries- earthly and beyond.'

Silver Medal Algunos Dias en Algunas Noches, Lauro Quintanar-Carmona; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A tremendous book.'

Bronze Medal Aguacerando, Elidio La Torre Lagares; Valparaiso iEdiciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Expresses his love for his family. For a wide audience.'

Bronze Medal Bitácora de Luna-Reescribiendo las estrellas, Benjamin Yancy Crespo; La maruca gesta cultural vitrata; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Arecibo,PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A lovely homage to the moon and it's benevolent poetry to enrich our emotional experiences'

Bronze Medal Sabanas, Yasmarie Hernandez Gonzalez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sabanas was a very vivid book with self identity, I loved every aspect of it'

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

Gold Medal Crisol de almas: voces del mundo el racismo, la xenofobia y la aporofobia, Patricia Schaefer Røder; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is touching in a way that lets us know that we are all human, hard to put it down'

Best Poetry Anthology Book

Gold Medal Despierta corazón, Lorena Andronikidis; Circulo Rojo Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, USA/ Toulouse, France; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Personal and introspective poems that share the author's experiences...'

Silver Medal Latidoscuro, Richard Rivera Cardona; Luscinia C.E.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was my favorite. Reminds me of Fernando Iwasak but in poetry form unique, the poems reflect the human psyche and anxiety'

Bronze Medal Here to stay, Marcelo Hernandez Castillo edited by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo, Janine Joseph, and Esther Lin.; HarperCollins Publisher; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Superb! The varied experiences are wonderful! Fantastic compilation.'

Best Audio Presentation of One or More Poems

Gold Medal Assimilated Natives, Gume Laurel III; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Poems are bold and graphic. Energetic engagement with formal experimentation'

Silver Medal La cigarra y la hormiga, Elena Busse; Cuentos con Valores; Ancestry of the author(s): Espena; The author(s) lives in: Cadiz, Espana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Classic fable with a moral. I liked the story and the character voices. The maker of these audio-books is doing a great job. '

Best Video Presentation of One or More Poems

Gold Medal Assimilated Natives, Gume Laurel III; Mouthfeel Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicano; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great video. Creative. Inspiring.'