The International Latino Book Awards Reflects That 2021 Is A Major Turning Point for Books By & About Latinos
By Kirk Whisler

The International Latino Book Awards is a major reflection that the fastest growing group in the USA has truly arrived. The Awards are now by far the largest Latino cultural Awards in the USA and with the 276 winners this year in 105 categories, it has now honored the greatness of 3,470 authors and publishers over the past two decades. The size of the Awards is proof that books by and about Latinos are in high demand. In 2020, Latinos purchased over $750 million in books in English and Spanish. The four ceremonies of the 23rd International Latino Book Awards Ceremony, held October 16th and 17th and everything you need to know about ELF’s author programs are at www.LatinoBookAwards.org.

The International Latino Book Awards are now the largest Awards in the USA Celebrating Achievements in Latino Literature and a major reflection of the growing demand for books by and about Latinos.

The Awards are designed to cover all types of books: Childrens, NonFiction, Fiction, Poetry, Translation, and more. Presenters for the Awards included Legends who have helped the Latino community develop and whom we have awards named after: Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Allende, Charlie Eriksen, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dolores Huerta, Mimi Lozano, Ambassador Julian Nava, and Victor Villaseñor. Award Winning Authors: Isabel Campoy and Daisey Martinez. Educational leaders LACC’s Mary Gallagher and ELAC’s Felipe Agredano.

Entertainment industry professionals Mike Gomez, Bel Hernandez, Josefin Lopez, Edward James Olmos, and Jerry Velasco. Heads of national organizations included Independent Book Publisher’s Association’s Angela Bole; Las Comadres’ Nora de Hoyos Comstock; AltaMed’s Castulo de la Rocha; REFORMA’s Nicolas Diaz; La Plaza de Cultura y Artes’ CEO John Echeveste; the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities’ Dr Antonio Flores; National LULAC President Domingo Garcia; UnidosUS’ Janet Murguia; Publisher’s Weekly en Español’s Enrique Parrilla; CANIEM’s Alejandro Ramirez Flores; Latinxs in Kid Lit’s Cindy Rodriguez; and Libro Hispano’s Pilar Velez. There were also LIFETIME Achievement Awards for Arte Público Press’ Nicólás Kanellos and Cinco Puntos Press’ Byrd Family, as well as entertainment by Andres 123, Gina Chavez, Echo Park Project, and Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles.

The 2021 Winners of the 23rd Annual International Latino Book Awards are another reflection of the growing quality of books by and about Latinos. About 42% of the winners were from major U.S. and Int’l publishers, up from 19% five years ago. In order to handle this large number of books, the Awards had 198 judges in 2021. The judges shared how hard it was because there are now so many great books being published. Judges included librarians, educators, media professionals, leaders of national organizations, Pulitzer Prize Winners, and even elected officials. The Awards celebrates books in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Finalists are from across the USA, Puerto Rico, and 19 other countries.

The Awards are produced by Empowering Latino Futures, a nonprofit organization co-founded in 1997 by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler. The Awards are now the largest Awards in the USA Celebrating Achievements in Latino Literature. Other ELF programs include the Latino Book & Family Festival, currently being held virtually at www.LBBF.us, our 69th Festival. The International Society of Latino Authors now has 213 members. Education Begins in the Home has supplied books to 155,000+ underserved readers. The Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory has been used by 182,000 students. More than 40 episodes of the Latino Reads Podcast have now aired. ELF’s programs have now touched over a million people. 350 volunteers annually donate 14,000+ hours of service.


Here’s the 2021 Gold, Silver and Bronze Int’l Latino Book Award winners:

**A1 CHILDREN BOOK AWARDS**

The Alma Flor Ada Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book Award – Bilingual

**Gold Medal**
¡Todos al rodeo! A Vaquero Alphabet Book, Dr. Ma. Alma González Pérez; Del Alma Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): USA & Mexican; The author(s) live in: Laredo, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Excellent book. I learned a lot too! Nicely packed and organized.’

**Silver Medal**
Fearless Trailblazers, Naibe Reynoso; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) live in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This book masterfully shows the diversity of the Latino community’

**Bronze Medal**
El niño y la luna, Jorge Luis Seco; Ilustrado por Juan José Catalán; Editorial Voces De Hoy; Ancestry of the author(s): Havana, Cuba; The author(s) live in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Touching subject and theme. Childhood loneliness is difficult to capture.’

The Alma Flor Ada Best Latino Focused Children’s Picture Book Award – English

**Gold Medal**
21 Cousins, Diane de Anda; Star Bright Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexicana; The author(s) live in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Love, love, love the beautiful story and illustrations in this book.’

**Silver Medal**
Roqui’s Pandero Beat, Delia Ruiz; Illustrated by Luis Patiño; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) live in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Encouraging story. Size does not matter. A great read, it got me taping “Cafe-con-Pan”’!

**Bronze Medal**
If Dominicana Were a Color, Sili Recio; Illustrated by Brianna McCarthy; Denene Millner Book, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) live in: Orlando, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This book was just wonderful! It was easy to imagine the colors she was painting with words.’

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

**Gold Medal**
Juana: La niña que contaba estrellas, Lola Walder; Ilustrado por Martina Peluso; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) live in: Sevilla, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A great book to talk about traditions.’
Los reconocimientos internacionales de libros latinos reflejan que el 2021 ha sido un gran año para libros escritos por y sobre latinos
Por Kirk Whisler

Los Reconocimientos Internacionales de Libros Latinos (ILBA por sus siglas en inglés) reflejan notablemente que ha llegado el grupo de más rápido crecimiento en Estados Unidos, los Latinos. Estos reconocimientos culturales a los Latinos se han convertido en los más grandes en Estados Unidos y con los 276 ganadores de este año en 105 categorías, hemos reconocido la grandeza de 3,470 autores y editoriales en las últimas 2 décadas. El crecimiento de los libros escritos por y sobre Latinos representan la demanda creciente de la literatura Latina. En el 2020, los Latinos gastaron más de $750 millones en libros en inglés y español. Las cuatro ceremonias de los vigésimo tercer reconocimientos internacionales de libros Latinos que se llevó acabo el 16 y 17 de octubre y todo lo que hay que saber sobre los programas de autores de ELF, están accesibles en www.LatinoBookAwards.org

Los reconocimientos están diseñados para cubrir gran variedad de categorias incluyendo libros para niños, no-ficción, ficción, poesía, traducción, y más. Algunos de los presentadores incluyen ‘leyendas’ que han contribuido al desarrollo de las comunidades latinas y por lo cual algunas categorías llevan su nombre: Alma Flor Ada, Isabel Allende, Charlie Ekirsch, Juan Felipe Herrera, Dolores Huerta, Mimi Lozano, Ambassador Julian Nava, y Víctor Villaseñor. Autores galardonados: Isabel Campoy y Daisy Martinez. Líderes de la educación: Mary Gallagher de LACC y Felipe Agredano de ELAC. Profesionales de la industria del entretenimiento: Mike Gomez, Bel Hernandez, Josefina Lopez, Edward James Olmos, y Jerry Velasco. Líderes de organizaciones nacionales: Angela Bole de la Asociación Independiente de Editores de libros; Nora de Hoyos Comstock de Las Comadres; Castulo de la Rocha de AltaMed; Nicolas Diaz de REFORMA; John Echeveste de La Plaza de Cultura y Artes; Dr Antonio Flores de La Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities; Domingo Garcia, el Presidente de National LULAC; Janet Murguía de UnidosUS; Enrique Parrilla de Publisher’s Weekly en Español; Alejandro Ramirez Flores de CANIEM; Cindy Rodríguez de Latinxs in Kid Lit; y Pilar Velez de Libro Hispano. También hubo reconocimientos por grandes logros (LIFETIME Achievement Awards) para Nicolás Kanellos de Arte Público Press y para la familia Byrd de Cinco Puntos Press; así como entretenimiento por Andrés 123, Gina Chavez, Projecto Echo Park, y Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles.

Los ganadores de los Reconocimientos Internacionales de Libros Latinos 2021 reflejan la creciente calidad de los libros escritos por y para Latinos. Cerca del 42% de los ganadores pertenecen a las editoriales más grandes en Estados Unidos y editoriales internacionales, estos representan un crecimiento del 19% de los últimos cinco años. Para lograr este gran número de libros, los reconocimientos tuvieron la participación de 198 jueces este 2021. Los jueces compartieron lo difícil que fue elegir ganadores por la cantidad de libros sobresalientes. Los jueces incluyeron bibliotecarios, educadores, profesionales de medios de comunicación, líderes nacionales, ganadores de Pulitzer Prize, y oficiales electos. Cada año se reconocen libros escritos en inglés, español y portugués. Los finalistas son de alrededor de Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico, y de otros 19 países.

Este programa es producido por Empowering Latino Futures (ELF) una organización sin fines de lucro fundada en 1997 por Edward James Olmos y Kirk Whisler. Otros programas de ELF incluyen el El festival latino de libros y familia (Latino Book & Family Festival), nuestro 69vo festival actualmente virtual en www.LBFF.us. La sociedad internacional de autores Latinos (International Society of Latino Authors) tiene ahora 213 miembros. Educación comienza en el hogar (Education Begins in the Home) ha distribuido más de 155,000 libros a jóvenes lectores. El Directorio de becas para Latinos y Nativo Americanos (Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory) que ha sido utilizado por 182,000 estudiantes. Más de 40 episodios de Latino Reads Podcast se han publicado. 350 voluntarios anualmente donan más de 14,000 horas de servicio.


Aquí están los ganadores de Oro, Plata, y Bronce del 2021:
**Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual**

**SILVER MEDAL**
La corona del Santo Rey, Mayra Leticia Ortiz Padua; Editorial Raices P.R.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Bayamón, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Cultural & religious traditions told in a creative story style with colorful illustrations.’

**Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – English**

**GOLD MEDAL**
How to Fold a Taco, Naïble Reynoso; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This book makes reading and eating a joy! Excellent book in all ways.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
The Book That Jake Borrowed / El libro que Jake tomó prestado, Susan Holt Krulovansky; Pelican Publishing, an imprint of Arcadia Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A book to read aloud over and over again! Children will LOVE this book!’

**Best Children’s Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built, Angela Burke Kunkel; Illustrated by Paola Escobar; Schwartz & Wade, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Vermont; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Heartwarming story based on true events.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
Gustav, The Shy Ghost, Flavia Z. Dragó; Candlewick Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Reading this aloud to a group of children was engaging.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
El Cucuy is Scared, Too!, Donna Barba Higuera; Abrams Books For Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, WA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This is a great way for young readers to see a different perspective on El Cucuy!’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
Evelyn Del Rey is moving Away, Meg Medina; Candlewick Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba, Cuban American; The author(s) lives in: Richmond, Virginia; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Moving story of friends adjusting to change.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns, Duncan Tonatiuh; Abrams Books For Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Tonatiuh’s distinctive style is beautifully rendered in this book. Great pairing of text and illustrations.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
Oscar’s American Dream, Barry Wittenstein; Schwartz & Wade, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A wonderful journey through historical events.’

**Mejor libro ilustrado de ficción para niños**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Hijo, Ariel Andrés Almada; Ilustrado por Sonja Wimmer; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: León; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘AWARD WINNING! The rhythm and the rhyme kept the pace of this book moving at the perfect pace.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
Las cucarachas de Carlota, Loida González Montenegro; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: La Oliva; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A strong message for parents: If they believe in children and show them, then they will grow up to believe in themselves.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
La burrita Baldomera, Enrique G. Ballesteros and Ismael F. Arias; nubeOCHO; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Una buena historia de fortaleza moral con un mensaje amor.’

**Best Children’s Nonfiction Picture Book**

**GOLD MEDAL**
That Girl on TV Could Be Me! The Journey of a Latina news Anchor, Leticia Ordaz; Immedium; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Great illustrations. Good use of language; nice lesson about the environment.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War, Duncan Tonatiuh; Abrams Books For Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Extraordinary illustrations. Unique style reminiscent of Aztec art and Mexican Muralism.’

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – English or Bilingual**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Madam Hortensia, Carmen Gil; Illustrated by Miguel Cerro; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Great illustrations. Good use of language; nice lesson about the environment.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
Lia & Luis: Who has more?, Ana Crespo; Charlesbridge Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Monument, CO; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Good educational book about math and thinking; believable relationship between kids.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
Luisseta and COVID-19, Dora Przybylek; Laredo Publishing Company; Ancestry of the author(s): Chinese, Peruvian, American; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Very current & appropriate issue.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
The Mighty Mosquito / El mosquito poderoso, Ramona Winner; Illustrated by Evelyn Quijas; Brainstorm 3000; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Very informative book on the mosquito tree & its many uses, medicinal as well as firewood!’

**Best Educational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Monet y el Impresionismo, Ángel de Frutos Acevedo; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Maravilloso, indudablemente despertará el interés por el arte ameno para aprender sobre Monet.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
El baile de las abejas, Fran Núñez; Ilustrado por Zuzanna Celej; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Este Libro es una verdadera obra maestra Un perfecto homenaje a la cultura y tradiciones Japonesas.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
Zumo de nube, Dr. Raúl Alelú Paz; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Una verdadera joya original, creativo y educacional. Hermosas ilustraciones.’

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – Spanish**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Luna musical, Mayra Leticia Ortiz Padua; Editorial Raíces P.R.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Bayamón, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Invita a transformar la tristeza en alegria, cuento inspirador y compasivo de el amor y el respeto a los animales.’

**SILVER MEDAL**
Un misterio en el bosque, Susanna Isern; Ilustrado por Daniel Montero Galán; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: León; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Una verdadera joya original, creativo y educacional. Hermosas ilustraciones.’

**BRONZE MEDAL**
El increíble barco del capitán Marco, Alicia Acosta; nubeOCHO; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Malaga, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Una historia sencilla pero encantadora. Ilustraciones interactivas y artesania incluida.’

**Most Inspirational Children’s Picture Book – Bilingual or English**

**GOLD MEDAL**
Aspire! / ¡Aspirar!, Patty York Raymond; Mascot Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: McAllen, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Introduces a variety of careers in the arts, recreation and environment that girls can aspire in.’
**Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book**

**Gold Medal**

The Tale of the Black Unicorn, Sandra Elaine Scott; Vision Your Dreams; Ancestry of the author(s): Panama; The author(s) lives in: Boston; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Be proud of how you look and for being different.'

**Bronze Medal**

Bean Saves the Day, Rey A. Banda; Northpole Publishing Company; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: McAllen, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Pets can sense danger and warn humans that something is wrong and save their lives.'

**Bronze Medal**

El sol ahumado / The Smokey Sun, Trillino Kids LLC, Ronit Shiro, Charito Acuña, Amanda Quijano; Feppy Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia/Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Magical story how pollution affects our solar system.'

**Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book**

**Gold Medal**

¡Hay mucho viento!, Patty York Raymond; Davica Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: McAllen, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved this book. It shows a typical Latin family getting together for holidays.'

**Silver Medal**

Another Wild day in Cuzquí's Life / Otro día salvaje en la vida de Cuzquí, Rina Soldevilla; Qinti Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Nueva York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Clear and precise language appropriate for young children.'

**A2 Youth Book Awards**

**Best Youth Latino Focused Chapter Book**

**Gold Medal**

Efrén Dividido, Ernesto Cisneros; Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): English/Mex-American; The author(s) lives in: Santa Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Efrén Dividido should be a book required to be read in classrooms throughout the U.S.'

**Silver Medal**

Land of the Cranes, Aída Salazar; Scholastic Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Oakland, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was a very enjoyable book. Wonderful storytelling through poetry.'

**Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – English**

**Gold Medal**

Santiago’s Road Home, Alexandra Diaz; Paula Wiseman Books, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Readers will empathize with Santiago’s plight and the tension of not knowing what comes next for him.'

**Silver Medal**

The Other Half of Happy, Rebecca Balcarces; Chronicle Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story of Quijana’s inability to speak Spanish will resonate deeply with young people.'

**Bronze Medal**

A Field Guide to Getting Lost, Joy McCullough; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Scotland; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, Washington; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book with current everyday, real life issues!'

**Bronze Medal**

The Maps of Memory, Marjorie Agosín; Illustrated by Lee White; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Wellesley, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a valuable addition to historical fiction for youth.'

**Bronze Medal**

The Way to Rio Luna, Zoraida Córdova; Scholastic Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Ecuador; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A wonderful fantasy book! Magical creatures!'

**Bronze Medal**

What If a Fish, Anika Fajardo; Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis, Minnesota; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very current with up to date topics: bullying, grieving the death of a parent.'

**Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book – Spanish**

**Gold Medal**

Sahara, Farah Hallal; SM, Inc; Ancestry of the author(s): República Dominicana; The author(s) lives in: España; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Me gusto muchísimo de principio a fin. El tema tiene mucho de nuestra cultura quienes y cómo somos.'

**Silver Medal**

El tesoro del eremita, Leonardo Velasco Varo; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Córdoba; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Capta el interés desde los primeros párrafos. Los adultos peden ser también cómplices de aventuras.'

**Bronze Medal**

Adáilón: Tierra de Maokis, Volumen 1, M. Vince Lastra; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'El tema tiene mucho de nuestra cultura quienes y cómo somos.'

**Best Youth Chapter Nonfiction Book**

**Gold Medal**

Trailblazers: Lin-Manuel Miranda, Kurtis Scaletta; Random House Books for Young Readers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis, MN; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great biography for children of Lin-Manuel’s life.'

**Best Educational Youth Chapter Book**

**Gold Medal**

The Magic of Clay, Adalucía Quan; Star Bright Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Perú/ Cuba/ Spain; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations are beautiful, the organization is engaging and enjoyable.'

**Silver Medal**

The Diary of Asser Levy: First Jewish Citizen of New York, Daniela Weil; Pelican Publishing, an imprint of Arcadia Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Can definitely see its place in a high school curriculum.'

**Most Inspirational Youth Chapter Book**

**Gold Medal**

Letters from Cuba, Ruth Behar; Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Detroit; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book about Jewish immigration from Poland to Cuba before WWII.'

**Silver Medal**

Toro, Andrew Avner; Black Rose Writing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'One of the most innovative and creative book I’ve read for a young audience to understand gender inclusion.'

**A3 Young Adult Book Awards**

**Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book**

**Gold Medal**

Illegal, Francisco X. Stork; Scholastic Press; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great adventure book with real issues on immigration and the reality youth go through.'

**Silver Medal**

Don’t Ask Me Where I’m From, Jennifer De Leon; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Southborough, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Phenomenal book, covers so many aspects of being first generation immigrant.'
Best Young Adult Fiction Book

**Gold Medal**
Esteban’s Caravan: From Hope to an American Cage, Denis O’Leary; Floricanto Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This is a great book.’

**Silver Medal**
Suncatcher, Jose Pimenta; Random House Graphic; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This was a wonderful read. High interest. I loved the ending.’

**Bronze Medal**
Bajo los muros de la tinta, José Miguel Cárdenas León; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sevilla, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Bonitas ilustraciones que apoyan la historia. Buen candidato para recibir un premio.’

Best Young Adult Nonfiction Book

**Gold Medal**
Club Oasis: Childhood Memories, Alma M. Garcia; Floricanto Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: San Jose, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Garcia does an excellent job of taking the reader to the El Paso of her childhood.’

**Silver Medal**
Momoy: La laguna del trueno, J. C. Jácome Sánchez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘There is magic within the pages of this book! This is a wonderfully well-written story.’

**Bronze Medal**
Claro y oscuro: El libro del amigo, R. J. Paredes; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): US/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Wright was poetic and real. Like a confession.’

Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure

**Gold Medal**
Category Five, Ann Davila Cardinal; Tor Teen, Macmillan Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): US/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Burlington; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The story is captivating from the beginning. This is an award winner.’

**Silver Medal**
Cultura Cinema: Twenty Chicano and Latino Films Worth Viewing, Alina González-Hernández; WPR Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Reading the background stories of cinematic works was fascinating. It would make a great educational resource for high school.’

**Bronze Medal**
La fascinante historia de la lengua española, Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy; Velázquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: San Rafael CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Everyone who has Latina roots would find something of value in it. This book is beautiful and so fascinating.’

Best Young Adult Romance Book

**Gold Medal**
This Train is Being Held, Ismée Williams; Ayu Lbooks, Abrams; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Emmersed myself into the story and didn’t want it to end.’

Best Educational Young Adult Book

**Gold Medal**
La fascinante historia de la lengua española, Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy; Velázquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: San Rafael CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Leven is an excellent story teller in describing the significance of bilingualism.’

**Silver Medal**
Of Love and Papers, Laura E. Enríquez; University of California Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Latin; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Much needed book about a key topic that is rarely verbalized.’

**Bronze Medal**
Intersectional Chicana Feminisms: Sitos y Lenguas, Aída Hurtado; The University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Santa Cruz, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Wonderfully organized book sharing useful information and profiles of leaders you should know.’

Best Book Written by a Youth

**Gold Medal**
Dr. Pren y los días de su infancia, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Castellanos is 11 years old and he has a great imagination and a talent for writing.’

**B NonFiction Awards**

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – English

**Gold Medal**
America’s Bilingual Century, Steve Leveen; America the Bilingual Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Northern European; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Leven is an excellent story teller in describing the significance of bilingualism.’

**Silver Medal**
Of Love and Papers, Laura E. Enríquez; University of California Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Latin; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Leven is an excellent story teller in describing the significance of bilingualism.’

**Bronze Medal**
Intersectional Chicana Feminisms: Sitos y Lenguas, Aída Hurtado; The University of Arizona Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Santa Cruz, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Wonderfully organized book sharing useful information and profiles of leaders you should know.’

**Bronze Medal**
Postcards from a PostMexican, Alvaro Ramirez; Somos en escrito Literary Foundation Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Oakland, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Ramirez provides short vignettes on Mexico’s social-economic and political status.’

The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – Spanish or Bilingual

**Gold Medal**
Claro y oscuro: El libro del amigo, R. J. Paredes; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): US/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago, IL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Very timely thesis on the challenges and successes that face the Chicago Latino Community.’

**Silver Medal**
Yo soy estas verdades, Sunny Hostin; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Ms. Hostin’s book was very informative about her career at CNN, The View, and being Afro-Latina.’

Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

**Gold Medal**
Flying Free, Cecilia Aragon; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Chilean-American; The author(s) lives in: Seattle; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Very inspiring, motivating, compelling. Award-winner. Potential film or TV project.’

**Silver Medal**
The Scar of a Miracle, Monica Gonzalez; Klesiprida Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; Family from Spain & Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Enthralling and inspirational story that is tragic, heart-warming, and spiritual. Great read!’
**Best History Book**

**Golden Medal**

*The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book*

- The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This book was great to read! You will learn surprising things about the Southwest in this book.’

**Silver Medal**

*We Made Sand Diego, Mária E. García*

- The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Outstanding book, great coverage of community members.’

**Bronze Medal**

*Nothing General About It: How Love (and Lithium) Saved Me On and Off, Maurice Bernard with Susan Black*

- The author(s) lives in: McAllen, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A powerful memoir by the Emmy Award-winning actor of General Hospital.’

**Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish**

**Golden Medal**

*Pulido del Barrio Libre, Reynaldo G. Santa Cruz Jr.*

- The author(s) lives in: Berkeley, CA/Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I really liked his background story as told by his mother and others. Their POV was very informative.’

**Silver Medal**

*Recorrido por Venezuela, Hernán de Béky*

- The author(s) lives in: Siero, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Bien desarrollado. Bien escrito. Biografía de un destacado educador y su época.’

**Bronze Medal**

*Le camino de los pobres, Dr. José Gregorio Hernández: Recorrido por Venezuela, Hernán de Béky*

- The author(s) lives in: Siero, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘As a family history, it’s definitely a book that honors the interests of Mimi Lozano.’

**Best Biography – English**

**Golden Medal**

*What Were We Thinking: A Brief Intellectual History of the Trump Era, Carlos Lozada*

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**Bronze Medal**

*Unforgetting: A Memoir of Family, Migration, Gangs, and Revolution in the Americas, Roberto Lovato*

- The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘An inspiring story of his struggle with mental illness and his success in the daytime soap opera business’

**Best Biography – Spanish**

**Golden Medal**

*El Médico de los Pobres, Dr. José Gregorio Hernández: Recorrido por Venezuela, Hernán de Béky*

- The author(s) lives in: Siero, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Bien desarrollado. Bien escrito. Biografía de un destacado educador y su época.’

**Silver Medal**

*El libro de Rosy: La historia de una madre separada de sus hijos en la frontera, Rosayra Pablo Cruz y Julie Schwietert Collazo*

- The author(s) lives in: Riverside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘As a family history, it’s definitely a book that honors the interests of Mimi Lozano.’

**Bronze Medal**

*Ese instante, Silvia Barrios*

- The author(s) lives in: Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The short stories in this book grabbed my attention and moved me emotionally in some cases.’

**Best Autobiography – English**

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**Bronze Medal**

*Leaves in the wind / Hojas al viento, Rícardo Suarez-Gärtner*

- The author(s) lives in: Riverside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Lots of great, personal stories here. Get ready for a long enjoyable read.’

**Best Autobiography – Spanish**

**Golden Medal**

*Cicatrices, Martha Antillón Fernandez*

- The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Una memoria tan sincera. Una de fuerza y debilidad, de coraje y crecimiento.’

**Silver Medal**

*El libro de Rosy: La historia de una madre separada de sus hijos en la frontera, Rosayra Pablo Cruz y Julie Schwietert Collazo*

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- The author(s) lives in: Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The short stories in this book grabbed my attention and moved me emotionally in some cases.’

**The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book**

**Golden Medal**

*Little Joe ¡No llore, chingón!, Emma González; County Rd 34 Publishings*

- The author(s) lives in: McAllen, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This will make great Hollywood movie with such a strong lead character.’

**Silver Medal**

*Pulido del Barrio Libre, Reynaldo G. Santa Cruz Jr.*

- The author(s) lives in: Berkeley, CA/Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘As a family history, it’s definitely a book that honors the interests of Mimi Lozano.’

**Bronze Medal**

*Leaves in the wind / Hojas al viento, Rícardo Suarez-Gärtner*

- The author(s) lives in: Riverside, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Lots of great, personal stories here. Get ready for a long enjoyable read.’

**The Raul Yzaguirre Best Political/Current Affairs Book**

**Golden Medal**

*What Were We Thinking: A Brief Intellectual History of the Trump Era, Carlos Lozada*

- The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Great interpretation of our sociopolitical situation and how it defines our cultural identity. Thought provoking.’

**Silver Medal**

*Sunbelt Diaspora, Patricia Silver; University of Texas Press*

- The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Interesting study of the sociopolitical realities that shape Puerto Ricans in Orlando.’

**Bronze Medal**

*Hatemonger: Stephen Miller, Donald Trump, and the White Nationalist Agenda, Jean Guerrero*

- The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The short stories in this book grabbed my attention and moved me emotionally in some cases.’

**Best History Book**

**Golden Medal**

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**Silver Medal**

*We Made Sand Diego, Mária E. García; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Outstanding book, great coverage of community members.’

**Bronze Medal**

*I Know where the Bodies are Buried: There Are Stories to Tell, Questions to Ask, Carlos Melendez; Foxware Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Chicago; The author(s) lives in: El Paso, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘This book was great to read! You will learn surprising things about the Southwest in this book.’*
Best Business Book

**Gold Medal**
The Likeability Trap: How to Break Free and Succeed as You Are, Alicia Menendez; Harper Business, HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): US; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Not only a great book for business but also a wonderful self-help book.'

**Silver Medal**
Inclusive: The Power of Uniqueness and Belonging to Build Innovative Teams, Stefanie K. Johnson, PhD; Harper Business, HarperCollins Publishers; ; The author(s) lives in: Boulder, CO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Actionable steps for group training.'

**Bronze Medal**
The Rack We Built: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Creating Company Culture, Lorenzo Gomez III; Geekdom Media; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great insights, nice writing style. Full of useful information.'

Best Arts Book

**Gold Medal**
Jose Montoya, Ella Maria Diaz; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Captivating history of an artist who helped change the perception of Chicanos. I could really see this being made into a documentary.'

**Silver Medal**
Historia de la caricatura en Colombia: Desde la Independencia 1860 hasta 2020, Beatriz González; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A must for every foreign Latin American art lovers collection.'

**Bronze Medal**
Ángel Tarrac, escultor de dos patrias 1898-1979, Carlos Tarrac; Unique Artistic Creations Showcase; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'We definitely need books like like this that capture an important history.'

Best Gift Book

**Gold Medal**
Entre Líneas, Carmela Escobar; Laredo Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Chinese Peruvian American; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book illustrations accompany the poems and makes it look unique and fresh to read.'

**Silver Medal**
The Legacy Journal, Albert Monreal Quiñuiz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very original journal that encourages self-discovery and search for our ancestors.'

Best Cookbook

**Gold Medal**
Chicano Eats: Recipes From My Mexican-American Kitchen, Esteban Castillo; Harper Design, HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent explanation of Mexican herbs, spices, chiles, tools & cheeses!!'

**Silver Medal**
Herencia Cookbook, Bernadette Molina; Rosette Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican/Salvadoran; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the side history for each recipe and how this recipe came about.'

Best Self Transformation Book – English

**Gold Medal**
Thriving in the Fight: A Survival Manual for Latinas on the Front Lines of Change, Denise Padin Collazo; Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): USAPuerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book should be required reading for all!'

**Silver Medal**
Tafolla Toro: Three Years of Fear, Lorenzo Gomez III; Geekdom Media; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Feels like an award winning book. The first sentence made me want to read more.'

Best Self Transformation Book – Spanish

**Gold Medal**
Detrás del arcoíris: La superación, Miryan Wodnik; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Pudiese ser una película o un show de TV. Comparte una historia con la que te identifiques.'

**Silver Medal**
Ponte en modo DISC, Marta Freire Úbeda; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Uno de los mejores libros de principio a fin. Un libro útil e interesante.'

Best Health & Wellness Book

**Gold Medal**
Choose to Prevail, Sandy Rodriguez; BookBaby; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Practical life skills, easy read, and her writing is inviting.'

**Silver Medal**
I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help!: How to Help Someone Accept Treatment, Xavier Amador; Vida Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'We don't talk about mental health in our Latino families. This book lays out ways how to address these difficult conversations.'

**Bronze Medal**
El Método Clean 7: Detoxifica y rejuvenece tu cuerpo en tan sólo siete días, Alejandro Junger, MD; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great information for health care and self care.'

Best Parenting/Family Book

**Gold Medal**
Disciplina con dignidad siete días a la semana, Jorge Dueñas; Jorge Duenas Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican Ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Actionable steps for group training. '

**Silver Medal**
Vega cambia de opinión, Ángeles Casas Robles; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'La forma en que la autora abordó el tema del feminismo y su forma divergente de pensar fue renovador.'

Best Women's Issues Book

**Gold Medal**
I Am These Truths: A Memoir of Identity, Justice, and Living Between Worlds, Sunny Hostin; HarperOne, HarperCollins Publishers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a strong, very personal, and enjoyable story.'

**Silver Medal**
6 mujeres 6, Fernando Repiso; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sevilla; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing character development you can relate to different people in your life.'

**Bronze Medal**
Break the Good Girl Myth: How to Dismantle Outdated Rules, Unleash Your Power, and Design a More Purposeful Life, Majo Molfinno; HarperCollins Publishers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Most women who immigrated recognize themselves in the situations described in this book.'

**Bronze Medal**
La mujer en la historia: Ideología y realidad o cómo convertir el destino en oportunidad, Maria Antonia Bel Bravo; Aula Magna, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Granada, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Could make an excellent textbook for women's studies.'

Best Religious Book

**Gold Medal**
The Scar of a Miracle, Monica Gonzalez; Klepsidra Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; Family from Spain & Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such a capturing story of survival and faith.'
Best Spiritual/New Age Book

**Gold Medal**

The Spiritual Evolution of Margarito Bautista, Elisa Eastwood Pulido; Oxford University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This biography is a historical analysis of Bautista, an early Mormon Mexican evangelist.'

**Silver Medal**

Libérate: Encuentra la paz, Fernán Makaroff; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Buenos Aires, Argentina; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excelente libro espiritual.'

Best Travel Book

**Gold Medal**

American Tacos, Jose R. Ralat; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a fun book! You want to travel to the spots mentioned in the book and try all the tacos.'

**Silver Medal**

Havana 500 Anniversary / Habana 500 Aniversario, Andrés R. Rodríguez; Myths and Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very thorough look at the history of Cuba.'

Best Sports Book

**Gold Medal**

Chasing Excellence, Pat Melgares; Soulstice Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Latino; The author(s) lives in: Kansas City, MO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a great success story of a barrio boy to world class coach. Very well written.'

**Silver Medal**

Jon Rahm, señalado por los dioses: De Mickelson a Tiger, David Durán & Alejandro Rodríguez; Ten Golf, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sevilla, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Rahm is a rising golf star. The book traces his rise from Spain to international prominence.'

Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author

**Gold Medal**

We Are Not Dreamers: Undocumented Scholars Theorize Undocumented Life in the United States, Leisy J. Abrego & Genevieve Negrón-Gonzalez; Duke University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA/ Berkeley, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Through a wide variety of examples this book broadened the definition of being a Dreamer.'

**Silver Medal**

Querencia: Reflections on the New Mexico Homeland, Edited by Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez, Levi Romero & Spencer R. Herrera; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican/Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Arizona & New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully written, appropriate to many reading preferences. Everyone should read this book.'

C  FICTION AWARDS

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – English

**Gold Medal**

The Resurrection of Fulgencio Ramirez, Rudy Ruiz; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful depth of character. Spells out motivations. Found myself crying several times.'

**Silver Medal**

A Peculiar Kind of Immigrant’s Son, Sergio Troncoso; Cinco Puntos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Superb writing. Great storytelling! The reader is well rewarded.'

**Bronze Medal**

The Playwright's House, Dariel Suarez; Red Hen Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Havana, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'We see the fractured relationship between two brothers as they dive into the past.'

The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – Spanish

**Gold Medal**

Acrobacias Angelinas, Julio Puente García; Floricanto Press; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Disfruté la naturalidad del lenguaje en este libro. El sr. García muestra su aprecio por el área de Los Angeles.'

**Silver Medal**

Compás, Lilyam Martino; MEL Projects Publishing and Entertainment; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Desde el prologo hasta los capítulos finales, este libro fue hecho para ser un gran libro!'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – English

**Gold Medal**

Of Women and Salt, Gabriela Garcia; Flatiron Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Guam/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Oakland, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'We see a young woman trying to live a self-determined life despite her limited options.'

**Silver Medal**

Infinite Country, Patricia Engel; Avid Reader Press, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well written and engaging story. Traditions, legacies and family history must be passed on.'

The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – Spanish

**Gold Medal**

El Anaqel de las Animas, Gibeth Zepa; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Metafísical novel I couldn't stop reading.'

**Silver Medal**

Me muero por vivir, Alexandra Castrillón Gómez, ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Compelling story! Intense look at family life. Pulled me in.'

Best Popular Fiction – English

**Gold Medal**

A Liquid Fantasia Under the Rain, Ana Catalina Reynoso De La Garza; Casa Editorial Regiomontana; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Strong writing shows the healing power of women’s friendships.'

**Silver Medal**

Hades, Argentina, Daniel Loede; Riverhead Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Buenos Aires; The author(s) lives in: Brooklyn, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Poderosas pasajes bellamente escritos por todas partes.'

**Bronze Medal**

The Long Way to Mexico, Roger Rodriguez; Café con Leche Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Strong-well defined characters.'

Best Popular Fiction – Spanish

**Gold Medal**

Flor de un árbol raro, Carolina A. Herrera; El BeiSMan PrEss; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Intriguing story that would attract people who loves books and history.'

**Silver Medal**

La bibliotecaria de Saint-Malo, Mario Escobar; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Seville, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a contemporary classic.'
**Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Havana Halleleujah, David Smith Soto; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book has an intriguing plot line that grabs your attention.'

**Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Venganza, Danny Navarrete; Sietch Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A thrilling plot, magnificent characters, and breathtaking beginning and ending.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Donde se acaba el Norte, Hugo Moreno; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican Ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Portland, OR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing plot: history, culture, and literature present the life of a library clerk.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Puerto Bravo, Alberto Caballero; Pukiyanji Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Emotions on every page and great happiness when the family is not destroyed by issues.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Y la tierra seguirá rotando, Mayra M. Bermúdez-Arroyo; Hoja Fina; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A nail-biting story about impulsive behaviors, teenagers in danger and evil-doers.'

**Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Until We’re Fish, Susannah Rodríguez Drissi; Propertiess Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Havana, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing in this book is stellar. The level of detail is astoundingly rich.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Letters from Cuba, Ruth Behar; Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Ann Arbor, Detroit; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lovely memory of her grandmother and a different side of Cuba.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- The Spanish Sword, Robert J. Alvarado; Sierra Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is carefully crafted and felt thoroughly researched.'

**Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Operación El Dorado Canyon, Jaime Rocha; Doble Identidad, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Cadiz; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Absorbing, well-written, interesting historical novel, which could easily be made into a film.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Piel de ébano, Marco T. Robayo; Editorial Planeta; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fascinating historical novel with well-developed, colorful characters.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Tierra magra, Ana Baute; Publicaciones Entre Lineas; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A fascinating look into Castro’s Cuba. We get to know more of the real Cuba.'

**Best Novel - Mystery**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Children of Chicago, Cynthia Pelayo; Agora, Polis Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Cynthia Pelayo has the talent to keep you trapped throughout the story.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Just Vanished, Robert J. Alvarado; Sierra Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'From the moment you start reading it, you imagine an action TV series that keeps you involved.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- El recado de la mujer holandesa, Isabel García Cintas; Amancay Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina/Spain; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved this book from end to end.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Llorie Mortem: Paradoja temporal, J. Rene Munz; The author(s) lives in: Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great imagery and prose.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Untamed Shore, Silvia Moreno-Garcia; Agora, Polis Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Vancouver, BC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I completely disconnected from the outside world to immerse myself in the environment of Baja.'

**Best Novel - Fantasy/Sci-Fi – English**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- The Monsters of Chavez Ravine, Debra Castaneda; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: San Jose, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great character development. Holds your interest.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Jalapeño Republic, Robert J. Alvarado; Sierra Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It was an interesting book, quite different from most futuristic novels I have read.'

**Best Novel - Fantasy/Sci-Fi – Spanish**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- El Arca, Javier Valderrama; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting Sci-fi story that could make for a good TV show.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- Crónicas de una espada, Canto I: El Lobo de Plata, Benjamin Franzani G.; Vuelo Ártico Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story reminds me of a ‘Games of Thrones’ tale set in a medieval time in a land far, far, away.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Convergencia: Planeta 2.3.4.05, Germán Trapp; Áurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story is a great sci-fi- heavy tale that is bound to take the reader onto a deep space saga. Very cool!'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Neo Mesias, Cristian Mateluna; Sietch Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story goes into conspiracy theories. Covers scientific advances in technology.'

**Best Novel - Romance**

**GOLD MEDAL**
- Los amantes de la viuda Cuevas, Ani Palacios; Pukiyari Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru; The author(s) lives in: Lima, Peru; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I loved the authenticity in the protagonists’ voice as well as her wit. Great writing.'

**SILVER MEDAL**
- ¿Qué pinto yo aquí?, Esmeralda Esteban; Mil Amores, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book was very moving and taught me to have faith to overcome a tragedy in order to be able to live again.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Ese vuelo de Londres a Madrid, Claudia Velasco; Mil Amores, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Could make a good movie. An improbable but possible love story framed in a world of espionage.'

**BRONZE MEDAL**
- Island Affair, Priscilla Olivares; Kensington Publishing Corp.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico, Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Gainesville, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was a beautiful love story about two people who fall in love against all odds.'
**Best Graphic Novel**

**Gold Medal** - Mecha Sek’nam: Sorren, Volumen 1 - Sobrevive, Daniel Leal Arancibia & Fabián Todoroči Karmelic; Editorial Arcano IV Ltda.; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago, Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Muy buena historia. Excelente presentación. Impactante colorido.'

**Silver Medal** - Witrannatü: Las Guerras del Sol Muerto, Inti Carrizo-Ortiz; Arte por Diego Zúñiga Millán; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Vallenar; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Bien desarrollado. Excelentes dibujos. Historia larga para solo libro.'

**Bronze Medal** - Home Perro: Atrapa 22, Dav Pilkey; Graphix, Scholastic; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, WA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Creativos dialogos e ilustraciones con sentido del humor para grandes y chicos.'

**Best Fiction - Multi-Author**

**Gold Medal** - Nostalgia bajo cero, Edited by Martha Bátiz; Lugar Común Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Toronto, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Bringing together authors who miss their homes, the language, the culture of their home lands.'

**Best Collection of Short Stories – English**

**Gold Medal** - Living Color: Angie Rubio Stories, Donna Miscotta; Jaded Ibis Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Filipino/USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A broad audience would enjoy this as a book or movie.'

**Silver Medal** - A Woman’s Story, Francine Rodriguez; Madville Publishing; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'These stories depict Latinas and the often traumatizing situations they encounter.'

**Silver Medal** - Both Sides: Stories from the Border, Gabino Iglesias; Agora, Polis Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A very timely book. Well organized. Everyone in Congress should read this book.'

**Best Collection of Short Stories – Spanish**

**Gold Medal** - Sangre mía, Ana-Loreanne Colón González; Publicaciones Gaviota; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Cayey, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Depicted true emotions on a difficult subject.'

**Silver Medal** - Pléylist, Elvin Negrón Álvarez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The use of lyrics at the beginning of each chapter was appealing.'

**Bronze Medal** - Ellas cuentan: Antología de Crime Fiction por latinoamericanas en EEUU, Edición Gizella Meneses y Melanie Márquez Adams; Sudaquia Editores; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Difícil dejar de leer.'

**D eBooks & Audio Awards**

**Best Children’s Picture eBook**

**Gold Medal** - Mei Ling in China City / Mei Ling en la Ciudad China, Icy Smith; Illustrated by Gayle Gamer Roski; East West Discovery Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Hong Kong; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful illustrations and very well written.'

**Best eBook - Nonfiction**

**Gold Medal** - You Are Not Alone: Recipes to Obtain Success by Students for Students, Lettie Ramírez; Velázquez Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a good book idea! Written very carefully.'

**Best eBook - Fiction**

**Gold Medal** - Suburban Luchador: The Cul-de-sac Chronicles, Philip Rivera; Cedarfield Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Cuban & Ecuadorian; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a book filled with lots of humor. Loved the photos.'

**Best Audio Book**

**Gold Medal** - The Resurrection of Fulgencio Ramirez, Rudy Ruiz; Blackstone Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The narrator's voice was captivating. Perfect for the words of the story.'

**Silver Medal** - Thriving in the Fight: A Survival Manual for Latinas on the Front Lines of Change, Audiobook, Denise Padín Collazo; Narrated by Carmen Elisa Cancell; Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): CEC: USA(NY)/Puerto Rican ancestry; The author(s) lives in: CEC: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This could and should be a Ted talk series! Awesome and amazing.'

**E Portuguese Awards**

**Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)**

**Gold Medal** - Where We Go From Here, Lucas Rocha; Push, Scholastic; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A story about rebirth, facing the truth, and conquering negativity.'

**Silver Medal** - Here the Whole Time, Vitor Martins; Push, Scholastic; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: São Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well-developed characters that show their vulnerability, pain and growth.'

**Best Book - Nonfiction in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)**

**Gold Medal** - Ensino Em Pandemia: Ações e didáticas práticas para educadores/pais no Ensino Remoto, Philip Ferreira; Dialéctica Editora; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent. Well organized.'

**Silver Medal** - O Silêncio da Mulher, Elias Antunes; Elias Antunes; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasil; The author(s) lives in: Brasília; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author shows appreciation of the female gender.'

**F Design Awards**

**Best Latino Focused Book Design**

**Gold Medal** - Herencia Cookbook, Bernadette Molina; Designed by Miguel Martinez; Rosette Publications; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican/Salvadorian; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book. Well organized. Great recipes and pictures.'
**Best Cover Design**

**Gold Medal**: Cometa, Dolores Reyes; Cover design by Stephen Brayda; HarperCollins Español; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Creative artwork! Illustrations become one with the fonts of the title.'

**Silver Medal**: Hoy he soñado conmigo, Emilio del Carril; Cover design by Verónica Gamarra; País Invisible-editores; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The cover provides a vivid image to foster the reader’s imagination.'

**Bronze Medal**: Sybille, Eva Van Kriemmer; Cover design by Pamela Arias Sepulveda; Sketch Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Overall great cover illustration.'

**Best Cover Illustration**

**Gold Medal**: Strong Women Have Beliefs and Values, Adriana Fuentes Díaz; Cover Illustration by Berenice Lacroix; Caliente Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Speaks to all women culturally, racially, ethnically, life styles.'

**Best Interior Design**

**Gold Medal**: Lo que escribo en la arena, Susana Illera Martínez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The fonts, illustrations, and quotes create a seductive and artistic flow.'

**Silver Medal**: Hoy he soñado conmigo, Emilio del Carril; País Invisible-editores; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Photos are profound, as are the poems.'

**Best Use of Photos Inside the Book**

**Gold Medal**: ¡Todos al rodeo! A Vaquero Alphabet Book, Dr. Ma. Alma González Pérez; Del Alma Publications, LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Laredo, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed reading this clever alphabet book and looking at the photos. Great use of photos.'

**Best Use of Illustrations Inside the Book**

**Gold Medal**: La historia de Do, Esmeralda Pérez Cortés; Illustrated by Alynor Díaz; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Panamá, Republic of Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Clermont, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the book, story & Illustrations.'

**Silver Medal**: The Magic of Clay, Adalucia Quan; Star Bright Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba-Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The fonts, illustrations, and quotes create a seductive and artistic flow.'

**Best Nonfiction Book Translation - Spanish to English**

**Gold Medal**: A Conquero’s Conquero, Bella Martínez, translated by Ronald P.S. Vazquez; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good story, well-organized and well-written.'
**Best Nonfiction Book Translation - English to Spanish**

**Silver Medal**

“DO” El Camino del Crecimiento Continuo, Genaro Torres Celis; Jetlaunch; Ancestry of the author(s): México/USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego/Guadalajara; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘A must to read for people who pursue elevating their spirit.’

**Gold Medal**

Economía de lo que no se pierde: Leyendo a Simónides de Ceos con Paul Celan, Anne Carson, translated by Jeannette L. Clariond; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Monterrey, México; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘For a book of this kind the translation is very hard work, and done well.’

**Bronze Medal**

We Are Not Slaves: State Violence, Coerced Labor, and Prisoners’ Rights in Postwar America, Robert T. Chase; University of North Carolina Press; Ancestry of the author(s): English/Mex-American; The author(s) lives in: Santa Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Simple but powerful writing about tragic failures by our government leaders.’

**Best Fiction Book Translation - Spanish to English**

**Silver Medal**

The Dolores Huerta Best Community Service Themed Book

The Trails of Ifigenia, Eduardo García Aguilar, translated by Jay Miskowiec; Aliform Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Paris, France; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The translation is excellent.’

**Gold Medal**

It Would Be Night in Caracas, Karina Sainz Borgo; Translated by Elizabeth Bryer; HarperVia, HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Madrid, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The moment I read the first paragraph, I knew this was a magnificently written and translated work of art.’

**Bronze Medal**

Tierra magra, Ana Baute; Publicaciones Entre Lineas; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Lovely pictures, nice blend of Spanish and English, relatable.’

**Best First Book - Fiction**

**Gold Medal**

The Best LGBTQ+ Themed Book

Solo Kiko COVID-19, Brandon Martel; WPR Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Alegre y divertido! Buen tema muy Puertoriqueño, Buenas ilustraciones.’

**Best First Book - Nonfiction**

**Gold Medal**

Chican@ Artivistas, Martha Gonzalez; University of Texas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Great discography of Chicana Feminist Music. Could be a great documentary.’

**Silver Medal**

Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: A Journalist’s Heart in Latin America, Maria E. Martin; Conocimientos Press; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Autobiography of an exceptional woman. We need more stories of Latinas who persisted in the face of racism.’

**Best First Book - Children & Youth**

**Gold Medal**

Tight Knots. Loose Threads., Eleanor Parker Sapia; Winter Goose Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: Ponce, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I’d classify this as an award-winning book.’

**H THE MARIPOSA AWARDS**

**Best First Book - Children & Youth**

**Gold Medal**

Efrén Dividido, Ernesto Cisneros; Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): English/Mex-American; The author(s) lives in: Santa Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Simple but powerful writing about tragic failures by our government leaders.’

**Silver Medal**

The Other Half of Happy, Rebecca Balcarcel; Chronicle Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Wonderfully captures feelings of youth, especially for those straddling two cultures.’

**Bronze Medal**

Feliz New Year, Ava Gabriela, Alexandra Alessandi; Albert Whitman & Company; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombian; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Lovely pictures, nice blend of Spanish and English, relatable.’

**Best Fiction Book - Children & Youth**

**Gold Medal**

A Liquid Fantasia Under the Rain, Ana Catalina Reynoso De La Garza; Casa Editorial Regiomontana; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘It definitely feels like an award-winning book that can also make a good movie or TV show.’

**Silver Medal**

Venatrix I: Las cuatro Jinetes del Apocalipsis, Rolando Ávila de la Parra; Universo de Letras, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: León, Gto., México; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘It had me reading non-stop to see what happened next.’

**Bronze Medal**

Momoy: La laguna del trueno, J. C. Jácome Sánchez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I did find it interesting and can see that it appeals fans of the genre.’

**Bronze Medal**

Economía de lo que no se pierde: Leyendo a Simónides de Ceos con Paul Celan, Anne Carson, translated by Jeannette L. Clariond; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I really enjoyed reading it; found it well-written and engaging.’

**Best Nonfiction Book - Children & Youth**

**Gold Medal**

A Liquid Fantasia Under the Rain, Ana Catalina Reynoso De La Garza; Casa Editorial Regiomontana; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘It definitely feels like an award-winning book that can also make a good movie or TV show.’

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**Best Fiction Book - Nonfiction**

**Gold Medal**

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Venatrix I: Las cuatro Jinetes del Apocalipsis, Rolando Ávila de la Parra; Universo de Letras, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexican; The author(s) lives in: León, Gto., México; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘It had me reading non-stop to see what happened next.’

**Bronze Medal**

Momoy: La laguna del trueno, J. C. Jácome Sánchez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I did find it interesting and can see that it appeals fans of the genre.’

**Bronze Medal**

A Liquid Fantasia Under the Rain, Ana Catalina Reynoso De La Garza; Casa Editorial Regiomontana; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘It definitely feels like an award-winning book that can also make a good movie or TV show.’
The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Educational Themed Book

GOLD MEDAL  Asi crezco, Dia L. Michels; Science, Naturally; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting explanations, vivid illustrations.'

SILVER MEDAL  La frisita que voló el Caribe, Sandra Rivera Sánchez; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Linda historia, enseñando un poco de geografía.'

Best Academic Themed Book, College Level

GOLD MEDAL  Barrio America, AK Sandoval-Strauss; Basic Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Colombian; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'With a storyteller's voice and a diligent scholar's evidence-based approach...'

SILVER MEDAL  La fascinante historia de la lengua española, Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy; Velázquez Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: San Rafael CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Yes, the history of the Spanish language is fascinating, as these passionate educators share.'

Best Culturally Themed Academic Book

GOLD MEDAL  ¡Oh, Canadá!, Roxana Orué; Editorial Artística; Ancestry of the author(s): Perú, Uruguay, México, Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Ottawa, Gatineau; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good book. Very interesting stories.'

SILVER MEDAL  Nepantla familias: An Anthology of Mexican American Literature on Families in Between Worlds, Sergio Troncoso; Texas A&M University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Esta colección fue magnificamente escrita y editada.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Tres semillas de granada, Rose Mary Salum; Vaso Roto Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/Libano; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a great story that is very relatable to us immigrants.'

Best Latina Themed Book

GOLD MEDAL  Thriving in the Fight: A Survival Manual for Latinas on the Front Lines of Change, Denise Padín Collazo; Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Nueva York/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A timely inspirational for our youth who are standing strong for their beliefs!'

J POETRY AWARDS

Best Children’s & Youth Poetry Book

GOLD MEDAL  Versos para soñar despiertos, Gabriela Lardiés Ara; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Zaragoza, Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed this beautiful book, with poems about everyday topics and nature.'

SILVER MEDAL  La frisita que voló el Caribe, Sandra Rivera Sánchez; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Crea una visión unificada de lo que significa ser latinoamericano al enfocarse en algo que tienen en común.'

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

GOLD MEDAL  The New York City Subway Poems, Carlos Aguasaco; Ashland Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Opens with a masterful sense of place to convey emotions of an immigrant living in New York. Translation is also well done.'

SILVER MEDAL  Zugunruhe, Kelly Martinez-Grandal; Katakanas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent poems on diverse topics.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Cantos al encuentro / Cantos to Encounter, Luis Alberto Ambroggio; Edición de Ana Valverde Osan; Casasola Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una colección monumental del trabajo de este poeta.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Corta la piel / It Pierce the Skin, Xánath Caraza; FlowerSong Books; ; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The poetic prose of these poems is accessible, immediate and hauntingly beautiful.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Pandemia Poema(s), Alberto Avendaño; Letrame Grupo Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): US/Spain; The author(s) lives in: Dallas-Ft Worth/ Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book has the most creative and masterful use of the bilingual Spanish/English format. Excellent collection.'

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

GOLD MEDAL  If Love Had A Name, Davina Ferreira; Designed by Tania Peregrino & Diana Castañeda; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Miami/Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was very engaging and powerful'

SILVER MEDAL  Cuentos del Swamp, Michelle Litet Flores; Finishing Line Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Orlando, FL/Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Powerful and relatable. Loved the art and the culture perspective the poems talked about.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Into the Forest and All the Way Through, Cynthia Pelayo; Burial Day Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really love the writing style. You really feel like you are there with the missing people.'

BRONZE MEDAL  Selected Poems of Emanuel Xavier, Emanuel Xavier; Rebel Satori Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Ecuador/Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I really enjoyed the variety of subject matters addressed.'

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

GOLD MEDAL  Versos para Van Gogh, José Luis Marín Aranda; Grupo Editorial Sial Pigmalión; Ancestry of the author(s): España, Europa; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Enjoyed seeing and feeling through Van Gogh's eyes and feelings.'

SILVER MEDAL  El rumor de las cosas, Linda Morales Caballero; Nueva York Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Perú; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful language, musical use of Spanish in thought provoking poems.'

BRONZE MEDAL  2020: Poemas de la realidad a la conspiración a la ciencia-ficción, información vs desinformación, Ricardo A. Domínguez; Ibukku; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/USA; The author(s) lives in: New Haven, CT; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'El mundo que el poeta construye con estos poemas representa nuestro hoy en inmediato.'

Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

GOLD MEDAL  Antología 2020 / Anthology 2020, Luis Alberto Ambroggio, Compilador; Nueva York Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina; The author(s) lives in: Naples, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Disfruté leyendo el trabajo de autores nuevos y reconocidos, de diferentes orígenes.'

SILVER MEDAL  Cinco viajes a la cuidad de Am, Raquel Lanseros, Antonio Colinas, Jeanette L. Clarrion, José María Muñoz Quiros y Carmen Pallarés; Abstracta Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): México; The author(s) lives in: Monterrey, México; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Realmente disfruté la sensación del libro. Las ilustraciones son increíbles y la calidad es superior.'
Best Poetry Anthology Book

**Gold Medal**  Espuma rota, María Palitachi; Nueva York Poetry Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Republica Dominicana; The author(s) lives in: Queens, Nueva York; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘La palabra poesía resplandece en este libro con la fuerza de la madurez.’

**Silver Medal**  When the Virus Came Calling, Thelma T. Reyna; Golden Foothills Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Latina; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘The poet’s contribution to this anthology is strong and timely.’

**Bronze Medal**  The Latinx Poetry Project, 55 Latino/Latina Poets; Alegria Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Latin America; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA/New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Sentí una conexión con estas historias. Cada poema cuenta una historia común para los Latinos.’

**K Marketing Awards**

**Best Media Kit for a Book**

**Gold Medal**  That Girl on TV Could Be Me! The Journey of a Latina news Anchor, Leticia Ordaz; Immedium; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Eye catching. Presentation encourages to read book.’

**Silver Medal**  Lo que escribo en la arena, Susana Illera Martínez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘I thought this was perfect to demonstrate what a media kit should include.’

**Best Author Video Promoting a Book**

**Gold Medal**  That Girl on TV Could Be Me! The Journey of a Latina news Anchor, youtu.be/CfVmNiTEZik, Leticia Ordaz; Immedium; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Sacramento, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ‘Un video muy completo promocionando no solo su libro pero la importancia de resaltar a los latinos en la literatura infantil.’

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