



# EMPOWERING LATINO FUTURES'S INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS

The Largest Awards in the USA Celebrating Achievements in Latino Literature



## The International Latino Book Awards Ceremony Marks 2022 as a Major Turning Point for Books by & about Latinos

By Kirk Whisler & Melanie Slone

The 24th International Latino Book Awards Ceremony showcased the flourishing talent of the fastest-growing group in the U.S., with four ceremonies held on August 19th and 20th at Los Angeles City College. These Awards are by far the largest Latino cultural distinction in the country, honoring 249 winners in 105 categories this year. The grand total of authors and publishers honored over the last two decades now stands at 3,719, proof that books by and about Latinos are in high demand in both English and Spanish. Gold, Silver, and Bronze-place winners in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, children's books, translation, and many more were announced over the two-day event.

This year also featured the new 'Rising Stars' category, highlighting four authors who are certainly destined for greatness. The 2022 Rising Stars are, in the Children's book category, René Colato Lainez, with the bilingual Let's Be Friends Seamos Amigos; for Nonfiction, the Emmy-Award winning journalist Yolanda Nava, with Through the Dark, the story of how she overcome her loss of sight; for Fiction book, Estella Gonzalez, with Chola Salvation, her collection of short stories; and for Poetry, Violeta Orozco, with The Broken Woman Diaries. The Awards celebrate books in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Finalists are from across the United States, Puerto Rico, and 19 other countries. This year, the 217 judges included librarians, educators, media professionals, leaders of national organizations, Pulitzer Prize Winners, and even elected officials, all of whom gushed over the quality of the submissions. Presenters included legends from prominent organizations, universities, and publishing houses within the Latino community, such as Dolores Huerta; Victor Villaseñor; Alma Flor Ada; Juan Felipe Herrera, the first U.S. Latino Poet Laureate; Marcela Celorio, Mexican Consul General; Angela Bole, IBPA CEO; Francisco Rodriguez, LACCD Chancellor; Mary Gallagher, LACC President; Jeannette Lozano, Vaso Roto Ediciones; Jan Corea, CABE CEO; Carlos Gardés, from the Brazilian Consulate; Iván Aداime, Impremedia Publisher; and artist Ignacio Gomez. At the ceremony, Cesar Caballero was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his passion in providing library products and services to students, faculty, and staff. Participants were also treated to a screening of Pepe Serna's film, Life is Art, where the actor shared some anecdotes.

Attendees took advantage of two free workshops with the newly launched Latino Publishing University—Finding a Quality Translator and Metadata for Latino-themed Books. Other workshops will be offered virtually over the coming months and cover hot topics for authors and small publishers, such as How to Get an Agent, Finding an Illustrator, Book Design, and Marketing, among others. Authors can learn about important publishing tips, boost their chances for success, and network with others in the field.

Partners included GrupoMex, the Amazon Literary Partnership, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Community College District, Route 78 Rotary, California Water Conservation, MiraCosta College, Macmillan, Cal State San Bernardino, the Independent Book Publishers Association, Publishers Weekly en español, UNIDOS US and over 40 media companies.

The International Latino Book Awards are produced by Empowering Latino Futures (ELF), a 501c3 nonprofit cofounded by Edward James Olmos and Kirk Whisler in 1997, with the goal to provide Latinos more access to resources to help improve their futures and to help mainstream America view the Latino community in a more accurate, less stereotypical way. ELF's programs so far include hosting 69 Latino Book & Family Festivals, with a combined attendance of over 900,000; publishing 182,000 copies of the National Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory; distributing 165,000 free books to underserved youth in North County San Diego; honoring 155 books in the Latino Books into Movies Awards; and publishing the North County Informador. The Awards and information on ELF's author programs can be viewed here: <https://www.latinobookawards.org>

Here are the 2022 Gold, Silver, and Bronze Int'l Latino Book Award winners:

### Los Reconocimientos Internacionales de 2022 resaltan el éxito de los libros por y para latinos

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La Ceremonia de los Reconocimientos Internacionales de Libros Latinos destacó el talento del grupo con más rápido crecimiento en Estados Unidos, con cuatro ceremonias realizadas en Los Ángeles City College el 19 y 20 de agosto. Estos premios representan el homenaje cultural más grande del país, con 249 galardonados en 105 categorías este año. Los 3,719 autores y casas editoriales honrados durante las pasadas dos décadas son una prueba de que los libros por y para los latinos disfrutan de mucha demanda. Se anunciaron a los ganadores de la medalla de Oro, de Plata y de Bronce para libros de ficción, no ficción, poesía, infantil, traducción y muchas categorías más durante el evento de dos días. Además, varios títulos obtuvieron una Mención Honorífica.

Este año contamos con la categoría 'Rising Stars' (Talentos Emergentes), para cuatro autores que sin duda llegarán lejos. Los Rising Stars para 2022 son, en libros para Niños, René Colato Lainez, con el escrito bilingüe Let's Be Friends Seamos Amigos; en no ficción, la periodista y ganadora de un Premio Emmy Yolanda Nava, con Through the Dark, la historia de cómo se sobrepuso ante la pérdida de la vista; en libro de ficción, Estella Gonzalez, con Chola Salvation, su colección de cuentos; y en poesía, Violeta Orozco, con The Broken Woman Diaries.

Los Reconocimientos celebran libros en inglés, español y portugués. Los finalistas vienen de todo Estados Unidos, Puerto Rico y 19 países más. Entre los 217 jueces había bibliotecarios, educadores, comunicólogos, líderes de organizaciones, ganadores del Premio Pulitzer, y hasta funcionarios electos, los cuales elogiaron la calidad de las entregas. Los presentadores incluían a líderes de organizaciones destacadas, universidades y casas editoriales dentro de la comunidad latina, tales como Dolores Huerta; Victor Villaseñor; Alma Flor Ada; Juan Felipe Herrera, el primer Poeta laureado latino de Estados Unidos; la Cónsul Mexicana Marcela Celorio; Angela Bole, CEO en IBPA; Francisco Rodriguez, rector en LACCD; Mary Gallagher, presidente de LACC; Jeannette Lozano, de Vaso Roto Ediciones; Jan Corea, CEO de CABE; Carlos Gardés, del Consulado de Brasil; Iván Aداime, de Impremedia; y el artista Ignacio Gomez.

En la ceremonia, se honró a Cesar Caballero con un Reconocimiento a su Trayectoria, por su pasión al proporcionar servicios bibliotecarios. Los participantes también disfrutaron de la presentación del filme del actor Pepe Serna, Life Is Art. Los participantes aprovecharon dos talleres con la nueva Latino Publishing University—Cómo hallar a un traductor de calidad y Metadatos para libros con temas latinos. Se ofrecerán más talleres de manera virtual en los próximos meses que abarcarán temas pertinentes para los autores y las casas editoriales pequeñas, entre estos Cómo conseguir a un agente, Diseño de libros y Mercadotecnia. Los autores pueden llevarse consejos importantes y hacer networking con sus compañeros. Los socios en la Ceremonia incluyeron GrupoMex, el Amazon Literary Partnership, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Community College District, Rotario Route 78, California Water Conservation, MiraCosta College, Macmillan, Cal State San Bernardino, la Independent Book Publishers Association, Publishers Weekly en español, UNIDOS US y más de 40 medios de comunicación.

Los Reconocimientos Internacionales de Libros Latinos se producen mediante Empowering Latino Futures (ELF), una empresa sin fines de lucro cofundada por Edward James Olmos y Kirk Whisler en 1997, con la meta de proporcionar a la comunidad latina mayor acceso a recursos que les ayuden a mejorar su futuro y de ayudar a la cultura dominante en el país a observar a la comunidad latina de una manera más precisa y menos estereotipada. Los programas actuales de ELF incluyen organizar 69 Festivales Latinos de Libros y de Familia, a los cuales han asistido 900 mil personas; publicar 182 mil ejemplares del Directorio Nacional de Becas para Nativos y Latinos, distribuir 165 mil libros gratuitos a jóvenes marginalizados en el Condado Norte de San Diego; premiar a 155 en los Reconocimientos Libros Latinos se Hacen Películas; y publicar el North County Informador. Los Reconocimientos y datos para autores sobre los programas de ELF están aquí: <https://www.latinobookawards.org>

He aquí los galardonados de las medallas Oro, Plata y Bronce en los Reconocimientos de 2022:

*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](http://www.Award.News) or contact Kirk Whisler, 760-579-1696, [kirk@whisler.com](mailto:kirk@whisler.com)*

## A1 CHILDREN BOOK AWARDS

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

- GOLD MEDAL Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua, Gloria Amescua, Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Gorgeous book, with a story that has not been told often. Would be a wonderful movie or TV show.'
- SILVER MEDAL Tía Fortuna's New Home, Ruth Behar, Illustrated by Devon Holzwarth; Alfred A. Knopf Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Havana, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Ann Arbor/ Detroit, MI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A warm and charming story to reassure the youyh that change can be good and sometimes necessary.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Bisa's Carnaval, Joana Pastro, Illustrated by Carolina Coroa; Scholastic Inc.: Orchard Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Both from Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Dublin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great to see Brazilian Portuguese language and culture in a children's book.'

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

- GOLD MEDAL ¡Corre, pequeño Chaski! Una aventura en el camino Inka, Mariana Llanos, Illustrated by Mariana Ruiz Johnson; Barefoot Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Perú; The author(s) lives in: Oklahoma City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Amazing! Beautifully told and illustrated - great character and stakes.'
- SILVER MEDAL Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Libraries Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories, Annete Bay Pimentel, Illustrated by Magaly Morales; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Author and illustrator hit a grand Slam!! An outstanding biography on the acclaimed Pura Belpre!!'

### Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL Let's Be Friends / Seamos Amigos, René Colato Laínez; Illustrated by Nomar Perez; Holiday House, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent simple, bright illustrations. Fully bilingual. Great read-aloud perfect for the classroom or storytime.'
- SILVER MEDAL Isabel and Her Colores Go to School, Alexandra Alessandri, Illustrated by Courtney Dawson; Sleeping Bear Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful pictures that appeal to kids and enhance the story.'

### Best Children's Fiction Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL Abuelita and Me, Leonarda Carranza, illustrated by Rafael Mayani; Annick Press; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Toronto; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sweet, engaging story of the relationship between abuelita and nieta, plus a lesson about ageism and how to combat others' negative attitudes.'
- SILVER MEDAL Tía Fortuna's New Home, Ruth Behar, Illustrated by Devon Holzwarth; Alfred A. Knopf, Random House Children's Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban/USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This story will stick with young readers for a long time.Well illustrated!!'
- BRONZE MEDAL May Your Life Be Deliciosa, Michael Genhart, Illustrated by Loris Lora; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A beautiful story that turns a tamale into a benediction and blessing.'

### Mejor libro ilustrado de ficción para niños

- GOLD MEDAL Pitu le Baila al Mar, Gama Valle; Illustrated by Yamel Figueroa ; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author brings to light several social issues at a level that the readers can identify with.'
- SILVER MEDAL La Jirafa que no Cabía en su Cuento, Haydée Zayas Ramos; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a fun book for kids and parents. Also, the illustrations are adorable.'
- BRONZE MEDAL El monstruo más feo del mundo, Luis Amavisca, Illustrated by Erica Salcedo; nubeOCHO; Ancestry of the author(s): España ; The author(s) lives in: Málaga; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is hilarious! Its simplicty and repetition of words makes it comprehensible for youngsters.'

### Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL One Whole Me, Dia Mixon, Illustrated by Natalia Jiménez Osorio; El Mundo Mixon Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/African American; The author(s) lives in: Columbus, Ohio; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Perfection! Lovely and fun to read, empowering for bicultural readers.'
- SILVER MEDAL In the Spirit of a Dream: 13 Stories of American Immigrants of Color, Aida Salazar, Illustrated by Alina Chau; Scholastic Inc.: Orchard Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love the subject matter and the way each story was presented.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Alphabet & Affirmations with The Black Unicorn, Sandra Elaine Scott; Vision Your Dreams; Ancestry of the author(s): Panama/USA; The author(s) lives in: Boston; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very empowering for young readers and age appropriate. Excellent teaching tool!'

### Best Children's Nonfiction Picture Book – Spanish or Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Libraries Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories, Annete Bay Pimentel, Illustrated by Magaly Morales; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book should be in every school library. It was a pure joy to read.'

### Best Educational Children's Picture Book – Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Libraries Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories, Annete Bay Pimentel, Illustrated by Magaly Morales; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I think this book emphasizes the beautiful traditions of the oral storytelling, which Latino people, like myself, grown up hearing.'
- SILVER MEDAL Popol Vuh Stories for Children, Denis O'Leary; Floricanto Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I believe the value of this book resides on the three languages in which is narrated, English, Spanish and Yucatec Maya.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Lala and the Pond by the Rock / Lala y el Charco de la Piedra, Susana Illera Martínez; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Columbia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'he illustrations of this book are beautiful and they have a lot of value, especially because the illustrator put a lot of effort on the drawings.'

### Best Educational Children's Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua, Gloria Amescua, Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The storyline is honest, deep, about challenges wherein one culture attempts.'
- SILVER MEDAL We Move Together, Kelly Fritsch, Anne McGuire, Illustrated by Eduardo Trejos; AK Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Canada & Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: Toronto & Ottawa; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Colors are great, illustrations keep the attention and tie everything together.'

### Best Educational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Morderse las uñas, Paula Merlán, Illustrated by Brenda Figueroa; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a beautifully illustrated story that tries to help kids get rid of the bad habit of biting their nails.'

## Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Libraries Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories, Annete Bay Pimentel, Illustrated by Magaly Morales; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful book about a Puerto Rican story teller and her love for story telling.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Last Butterfly / La última mariposa, Regina Moya & Carmen Tafolla; FlowerSong Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully told and illustrated, students will love the activity at the end.'

## Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Courageous Camila: A story about finding your inner warrior, Naibe Reynoso & Giselle Carrillo; Illustrated by María Tuti; Con Todo Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is so empowering, demonstrating the struggle but rewarding end of following dreams.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Voices of the Trees, Elisa Guerra y Fernando Reimers; Illustrated by Ana RoGu; Pearson Educación; Ancestry of the author(s): Elisa Guerra: México. Fernando Reimers: Venezuela. Ana RoGu: México; The author(s) lives in: Elisa / Ana: Aguascalientes, México. Fernando: Cambridge, MA.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is not just amazing, it's greatly needed with our current times of global warming.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua, Gloria Amescua, Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great inspiration! This story must be told. Diego Rivera would put her in murals!'

## Most Inspirational Children's Picture Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Tienes un color especial, Lorena Sierco Espino; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Refreshing! This is an adorable sweet story.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Memoria de un abedul, Daniel Cañas, Illustrated by Blanca Millán; Cuento de Luz; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very well written, a good book to read aloud to children.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Peque y yo, Alicia Acosta, Illustrated by Mercé Galí; nubeOCHO; Ancestry of the author(s): España ; The author(s) lives in: Málaga; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully written, accessible for children to understand grief. A read standout!'

## Best Learn to Read Book

- GOLD MEDAL** The Awesome Reading Adventures of Super Sammy and Marvelous Megan, Vanessa Caraveo; Vanessa Caraveo; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Harlingen, Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I like the storyline of siblings and their adventures.'

## A2 YOUTH BOOK AWARDS

### Best Youth Latino Focused Chapter Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Falling Short, Ernesto Cisneros; Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is definitely a Latinx novel, full of color and authentic expressions.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Sofía Acosta Makes a Scene, Emma Otheguy; Alfred A. Knopf, Random House Children's Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban/USA; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This was such a great read! There were clear connections to young people and their experiences.'

### Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Falling Short, Ernesto Cisneros; Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Incredibly sweetly written with characters that the reader immediately wants to support and cheer on.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Catalina Incognito, Jennifer Torres; Aladdin, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An incredibly engaging book. The illustrations are spot on.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Julia y el mar, Olvido Guzman Pons; Mr. Momo, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Malaga; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great illustrations and writing...we celebrate alongside with the character.'

### Most Inspirational Youth Chapter Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna, Alda P. Dobbs; Sourcebooks, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Was a captivating and inspirational story of perseverance, courage, and indigenous beliefs.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Efen Divided, Ernesto Cisneros; Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Ana, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An exceptionally well written story and unfortunately a current everyday reality that our immigrant families face.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Raulito: The First Latino Governor of Arizona, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Piñata Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very inspiring and full of leadership wisdom.'

## A3 YOUNG ADULT BOOK AWARDS

### Best Young Adult Latino Focused Book

- GOLD MEDAL** On the Hook, Francisco X. Stork; Scholastic Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Boston, MA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The passion and the rage of youth really came through this text.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Lifetime Passes, Terry Blas, Illustrated by Claudia Aguirre; Abrams Books For Young Readers; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love the graphics, storyline and arc of characters.'

### Best Young Adult Fiction Book

- GOLD MEDAL** The Immortal Boy / El Inmortal, Francisco Montaña Ibáñez; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia& USA, Mexican(trans); The author(s) lives in: Bogotá & MacAllen TX(trans); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a wonderful read that rescues the goodness and innocence of young people.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Encarnación Castro's Journey in the Anza Expedition 1775-1776, Linda Castro Martinez; Covenant Books, Inc; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Linda Castro has written a fascinating book using a powerful poetic language to talk about our Latino history in the Southwest.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Three, Brenda Nicole Peña; Köehler Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican/USA; The author(s) lives in: Washington D.C.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book captures the reader's attention from the beginning, storyline is easily relatable.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Fat Angie: Homecoming, e.E. Charlton Trujillo; Candlewick Press; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Readers will be motivated and engaged from the beginning to the end.'

## Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure – English

- GOLD MEDAL** The Grimrose Girls, Laura Pohl; Sourcebooks, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Bazil; The author(s) lives in: Sao Paulo; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a very unusually creative storyline, very engaging.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Ghost Tracks, Celso Hurtado; Inkshares; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Antonio; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Descriptive and real, definitely an engaging story.'

## Best Young Adult Fantasy & Adventure – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** El Último Dragón: Las espadas del legado, José del Real Antiquera; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Rancagua; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book makes the prospect of discovering other Latino fantasy writers very, very exciting.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Catarina Freytas y el anillo perdido, Raymond Vollmond; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Orlando, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The main character, Catarina, is immediately likable and the story picks up at a rapid pace. Very enjoyable.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** El Mundo del Olvido, Cristian Otárola Jiménez; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Concepción; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is very engaging and well-written.'

## Best Young Adult Romance Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Monstrua, NLa Contreras; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, '¡Qué combinación! Romance y terror en uno: inscribeme'
- SILVER MEDAL** La descendiente, Marie D.; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Lafayette,, Indiana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Me encantó esta historia. Ahora quiero leer toda la colección de libros de este autor. '

## Best Educational Young Adult Book

- GOLD MEDAL** No te creas todo lo que leas, Didi Whitefalcon, Illustrated by Verónica Rodríguez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): España; The author(s) lives in: Berlin; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book is great, with interesting advice.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Voices of Diversity, Vanessa Caraveo; Vanessa Caraveo; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Harlingen, Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The poems reflect diversity in all of its forms...great book to pull young Adults into poetry.'

## Most Inspirational Young Adult Book

- GOLD MEDAL** Harvesting Dreams, Erica Alfaro; Barker & Jules; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a very touching story and a powerful one.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Your Heart, My Sky, Margarita Engle; Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): U.S./ Cuban; The author(s) lives in: Fresno, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful language and organization.'

## The Charlie Ericksen Best Book Written by a Youth

- GOLD MEDAL** Dr. Pren y el Ataque de los Gérmenes, Máximo César Castellanos; Editorial Ramy; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Pliladelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Characters were very memorable, an enjoyable adventure!'

## B NONFICTION AWARDS

### The Victor Villaseñor Best Latino Focused Nonfiction Book Award – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Latin American Documentary Narratives, Liliانا Chávez Díaz; Bloomsbury Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Mexico City; The author(s) lives in: Scotland; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A needed read for the times in which we live.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Queer Nuyorican, Karen Jaime; New York University Press; ; The author(s) lives in: Ithaca, NY city; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An Intriguing insightful look at a niche but important statement of NY's Puerto Rican Community.'

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

- GOLD MEDAL** Our Grandfathers were Braceros and We Too..., Rosa Martha Zárate Macías Y Abel Astorga Morales; Somos en escrito Literary Foundation Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Rosa:San Bernardino CA/ Abel; Guadalajara Mex.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book should be a vital part of any Chicano Studies reading list'
- SILVER MEDAL** 26 Años de Esclavitud: Juan Miranda y otros "Negros Españoles" en la Nueva York Colonial, Beatriz Carolina Peña; Editoriales Universidad del Rosario; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is a must in any library of Hispanic Studies.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Raulito: The First Latino Governor of Arizona, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Piñata Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This would be a book for a high school English or Spanish class'

### Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Through the Dark, Yolanda Nava; Café con Leche Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wow! Excellent writing...uplifting and iengaging'
- SILVER MEDAL** A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the dedication in the opening.'

### Most Inspirational Nonfiction Book – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Más allá del abismo, Diana Pardo; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Inspirational and moving stories of Latin American men and women leaders.'
- SILVER MEDAL** El genio de Jesús, Erwin Raphael McManus; Whitaker House Español; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good book with many powerful quotes, very well written.'

### Best Biography – Spanish or Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** Suma Paz: La utopía de Mario Calderón y Elsa Alvarado, Elvira Sánchez Blake; Icono Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Sorasota, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This chilling crime story is such a great book, I couldn't put it down.'
- SILVER MEDAL** 26 Años de Esclavitud: Juan Miranda y otros 'Negros Españoles' en la Nueva York Colonial, Beatriz Carolina Peña; Editoriales Universidad del Rosario; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Heart-wrenching historical account...what a great story of our ancestors.'

BRONZE MEDAL Cuco Valoy: Biografía autorizada, José Díaz; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Philadelphia, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a great story that should be shared with the everyone.'

### Best Biography – English

GOLD MEDAL The Artist as Eyewitness: Antonio Bernal Papers, 1884–2019, Edited by Charlene Villaseñor Black; UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I am glad I had the opportunity to learn from these pages. Very well structured and illustrated!'

SILVER MEDAL From the Texas Cotton Fields to the United States Tax Court, The life Journey of Juan F. Vasquez, Mary Theresa Vasquez and Anthony Head; American Bar Association Section of Taxation; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Our Latino Community needs to see and hear great, positive biographies like this.'

BRONZE MEDAL Tania León's Stride. A Polyhythmic Life, Alejandro L. Madrid; University of Illinois Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This depicts the strengths, weaknesses, and issues with Cubans in the U.S., excellent told.'

### Best Autobiography – English

GOLD MEDAL Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood, Danny Trejo; Atria Books, Simon & Schuster; Ancestry of the author(s): Los Angeles, CA/Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This should be made into a movie. It shows the heart and kindness of a criminal.'

SILVER MEDAL Through the Dark, Yolanda Nava; Café con Leche Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a tremendous strength of character. This is an amazing story of overcoming the challenge of living life as a blind person.'

### Best Autobiography – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL El reino de la infancia: Memorias de mi vida en cuba, Uva de Aragón; eRiginal Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The way it is written, an autobiography done the way it should be.'

SILVER MEDAL Memorias, Pedro Gómez Barrero; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This autobiography is highly educational and political.'

BRONZE MEDAL Los deseos sí se cumplen, José Gregorio Barrios; Galaxia Literaria; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Greensboro, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing quality is highly descriptive, which makes the reader just immerse in the story so naturally.'

### The Mimi Lozano Best Family History Book

GOLD MEDAL En busca de Emma: Dos padres, una hija y el sueño de una familia, Armando Lucas Correa; HarperCollins Español; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautifully written and timely.'

SILVER MEDAL Archiving Mexican Masculinities in Diaspora, Nicole M. Guidotti-Hernandez; Duke University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US Latinx. Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Atlanta GA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very historical diaspora about the immigration experience especially of stories in and around the Salinas Valley.'

BRONZE MEDAL Dos ramas, dos destinos, Claudia Prengler Starosta; Oscar Todtmann Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina, Judia-Europea; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed the family's immigration story with it's high and low points.'

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

GOLD MEDAL Writing 50 Years (más o menos) Amongst the Gringos, Dr Roberto Cintli Rodríguez; Aztlan Libre Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/indigenous, Chicano; The author (s) lives in: Tucson, AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book should be used in high schools and colleges great copilation of the civil rights era and the injustices our people have faced.'

SILVER MEDAL Raulito: The First Latino Governor of Arizona, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Piñata Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Raulito comes across as a remarkable leader and role model who made a difference in the lives of Arizonians, especially Latinos.'

BRONZE MEDAL Ciudad, Igualdad, Felicidad, Enrique Peñalosa Londoño; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very engaging book with a great deal of innovations from a former mayor of Bogota.'

### Best History Book

GOLD MEDAL Images of America: Mexican Americans of Wichita's North End, Anita Mendoza, José Enrique Navarro, and Jay M. Price; Arcadia Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Spain/Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Wichita, KS; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book would make a wonderful documentary!'

SILVER MEDAL The Dawning of Diversity: How Chicanos Helped Change Stanford University, Frank O. Sotomayor; West By Southwest Press, Great Texas Line Press; Ancestry of the author (s): USA, Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Tucson & Phoenix; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'So informative and educational around the city.'

BRONZE MEDAL Chocolate Runs Through My Veins: The Insightful History of the Women of Chocolate, Connie Spenuzza, M.S.Ed.; Libros Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): ECUADOR; The author(s) lives in: San Diego,CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent topic of food and women's history.'

### Best Business Book

GOLD MEDAL La senda del progreso, Agustí Segarra Blasco; Aula Magna, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Tarragona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Definitely would recommend it. Extraordinary.'

SILVER MEDAL Beyond Se Habla Español: How Lawyers Win the Hispanic Market, Liel Levy and Natalie Fragkouli; Houndstooth Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico City; The author (s) lives in: Austin, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...the book reads as a great Latino marketing book.'

### Best Arts Book

GOLD MEDAL ;Printing the Revolution! The Rise and Impact of Chicano Graphics, 1965 to Now, E. Carmen Ramos; Smithsonian American Art Museum; Ancestry of the author(s): Diminican Republic/ USA; The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Thorough art and narrative, this collection captures well the legacy of late 20th Century Chicano artists'

SILVER MEDAL Salsa Consciente: Politics, Poetics, and Latinidad in the Meta-Barrio, Andrés Espinoza Agurto; Michigan State University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author (s) lives in: Miami FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent blending of music history, politics and culture within the Latino communities.'

BRONZE MEDAL Solentiname, encuentro con un mito, Ana Cristina Henríquez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Interesting photos and well written'

### Best Cookbook

GOLD MEDAL Amalia's Mesoamerican Table: Ancient Culinary Traditions with Gourmet Infusions, Amalia Moreno-Damgaard; Wise Ink Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Guatemala; The author(s) lives in: Minneapolis; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Can't wait to cook from it!... Great gift book to share cultural kitchens'

SILVER MEDAL Colombiana, Mariana Velásquez; HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombian; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The photography and details were mouth watering! Great, wonderful cookbook!!'

### Best Reference Book

GOLD MEDAL Corte Constitucional de Colombia / The Constitutional Court of Colombia, Alberto Rojas Ríos, César Gaviria Trujillo, Rodrigo Uprimny, Benjamín Villegas, Karen Caselles, Jorge Enrique Ibáñez; Fotografía por Andrés Mauricio López; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book on court's history. Photos were a great touch.'

### Best Self Transformation Book – English

GOLD MEDAL A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This could be a film... a person's determination to succeed that stopped by circumstances or obstacles.'

GOLD MEDAL Through the Dark, Yolanda Nava; Café con Leche Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Explosive, entertaining...very inspiring personal journey'

GOLD MEDAL Unstoppable, Chiquis Rivera; Atria Books, Simon & Schuster; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fame, fortune, and talent does not give you happiness or love. One must experience it and then grab it before it disappears.'

SILVER MEDAL Laughing in the Light, Jimmy Santiago Baca; Museum of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA, Spain/ Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent writer, I loved how he used Mexican/Spanish colloquialisms to express himself.'

### Best Self Transformation Book – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL ¡Hijo, Perdona a tu Padre! "El sufrimiento silenciado de los hijos", Juan Ramón Rísquez Rubio; Sarai Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Zaragoza; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Es un tema difícil de expresar, aún más difícil es el comprender y perdonar.'

SILVER MEDAL ¿Qué Dicen las Mujeres del Divorcio?, Sandra Arroyave; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Se siente como una conversacion de un tema importante y cada vez mas comun aunque difícil'

BRONZE MEDAL El secreto más grande, Rhonda Byrne; HarperCollins Español; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lo recomiendo, su contenido es de mucha ayuda para aumentar la autoestima.'

### Best Health & Wellness Book

GOLD MEDAL The Wings of Adversity, Vanessa Caraveo; Vanessa Caraveo; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Harlingen, Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A captivating collection of well written poems and thought provoking stories.'

SILVER MEDAL Recalea tu cerebro, Andrés Ramirez; Bienetre Editorial ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very interesting premises, clear and simple suggestions'

### Best Parenting/Family Book

GOLD MEDAL A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I appreciated the author's willingness to share their story, vulnerability, their triumphs and struggles.'

SILVER MEDAL Construye y diviértete con Neironi: 65 actividades neuroeducativas para estimular el cerebro, Suzette Mirabal, Maribel De Jesús Rivera, Eileen Marie Velázquez De Jesús, Milady Velázquez De Jesús; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Ponce, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good book for teachers and parents with young children.'

### Best Women's Issues Book

GOLD MEDAL A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author shares her inspiration and courage to gain back her life.'

SILVER MEDAL ¿Qué Dicen las Mujeres del Divorcio?, Sandra Arroyave; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderful tool of hope for people considering divorce.'

BRONZE MEDAL 45 días por año, Mar del Olmo; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed it so much. Fun, well written, developed characters... a winner.'

### Best Religious Book

GOLD MEDAL Un gran Yogui Occidental, Rajarsi Janakananda; Self-Realization Fellowship; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Shares great leadership stories, love, meditation and spiritual integration in business what a combination.'

SILVER MEDAL Creating a Chicana/o Red Road to Decolonization & Aztlan, Ysidro Ramon Macias; Ysidro R. Macias; Ancestry of the author(s): Chicano; The author(s) lives in: Honolulu, HI; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Una gran reflexión a nuestros ancestros y la perspectiva espiritual'

### Best Spiritual/New Age Book

GOLD MEDAL Chica, Why Not?, Sandra Hinojosa Ludwig; Hay House, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Toronto, Canada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Love, the title of the book. Great book to encourage you in life, your wants, doubts, expectations.... just go.'

SILVER MEDAL Encuentros con santos de la India en compañía de Sri Daya Mata, Sri Mrinalini Mata; Self-Realization Fellowship; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'As always, SRF books are always well written with lots of spiritual explanations'

SILVER MEDAL The Wings of Adversity, Vanessa Caraveo; Vanessa Caraveo; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican-American; The author(s) lives in: Harlingen, Texas; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well articulated, addressing multicultural themes'

### Best Travel Book

GOLD MEDAL Paraísos de Colombia, Andrés Hurtado García; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Villegas Editores never disappoints with its gorgeous books. Colombia's beauty is celebrated in this book.'

### Best Sports/Recreation Book

GOLD MEDAL Mexican American Baseball in the South Bay, Richard A. Santillán, Ron Gonzáles, Monica Ortez, Olivia Cueva-Fernández, Reynaldo G. Santa Cruz Jr., Christopher Docter, Marcelino Saucedo, Alex Moreno Areyan, Alice Duarte Solís, Albert Leonard "Lefty" Olguín, Luis F. Fernández, Sandra L. Uribe, Carlos C. Barrón, Enrique López, Charlie Sosa, Amy Inouye; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Alhambra, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well documented history of

## Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author

- GOLD MEDAL** Mexican American Baseball in the South Bay, Richard A. Santillán, xRon Gonzáles, Monica Ortez, Olivia Cueva-Fernández, Reynaldo G. Santa Cruz Jr., Christopher Docter, Marcelino Saucedo, Alex Moreno Areyan, Alice Duarte Solís, Albert Leonard "Lefty" Olguín, Luis F. Fernández, Sandra L. Uribe, Carlos C. Barrón, Enrique López, Charlie Sosa, Amy Inouye; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Alhambra, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved all of the pictures and
- SILVER MEDAL** A Critical Collection on Alejandro Morales: Forgoing an Alternative Chicano Fiction, Edited by Marc García-Martínez and Francisco A. Lomelí; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Enjoyable to read. Well organized and written. Great book cover.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Food Studies in Latin American Literature: Perspectives on the Gastronomarative, Edited by Rocío del Aguila and Vanesa Miseres; University of Arkansas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Rocío del Aguila (Peru), Vanesa Miseres (Argentina) and 14 authors (Mexico, Spain, Colombia, United States, Canada); The author(s) lives in: Wichita, Kansas & South Bend, Indiana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I think this is a must read. This book is so important to further conversation about food and Latin American

## C FICTION AWARDS

### The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – English

- GOLD MEDAL** L.A. Weather, María Amparo Escandón; Flatiron Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very good construction of literature that captures the essence of Los Angeles.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Hades, Argentina, Daniel Loedel; Riverhead Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good story that can be an award winning piece of literature.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Olga Dies Dreaming, A Novel, Xochitl Gonzalez; Flatiron Books, Macmillan Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Good novel of growth, dreams and reflection.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Nobody's Pilgrims, Sergio Troncoso; Cinco Puntos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book could have been a lot longer - I need a sequel!'

### The Rudolfo Anaya Best Latino Focused Fiction Book Award – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** La maestra Bernarda, Andrea Amosson; Penguin Random House, Ediciones B; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A rich, engaging, and brilliantly absorbing novel about the battle for women's right to vote in Chile.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Tantas razones para odiar a Emilia, José M. Fernández Pequeño; Ediciones Furtivas; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Miami; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very enjoyable with good characters and sense of humor'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Velorio, Xavier Navarro Aquino; HarperCollins Español; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well-written and well-developed.'

### The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – English or Bilingual

- GOLD MEDAL** How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water, A Novel, Angie Cruz; Flatiron Books, Macmillan Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Dominican; The author(s) lives in: Pittsburgh; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a novel full of emotion and life. The narrator and protagonist are spell-binding.'
- SILVER MEDAL** The Town Of Babylon, Alejandro Varela; Astra House; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story is intimate, almost epic in length, and poignant.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** My Calming Backpack / La mochila de mi calma, María Estela Edward; Illustrated by Alynor Díaz; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Cubana; The author(s) lives in: Palm Beach, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I enjoyed the illustrations and text... avaluable book in the lesson it teaches.'

### The Isabel Allende Most Inspirational Fiction Book Award – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Usted Es Suya, María Mercedes Benito; Publicaciones Gaviota; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent writing and plot.'
- SILVER MEDAL** Detrás de mi nombre, Alexandra Castrillón Gómez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Ciudad de México; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent! enjoyed the read.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Morir dos veces, Alejandro Seral; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very emotional.'

## Best Popular Fiction – English

- GOLD MEDAL** All Day is a Long Time, David Sanchez; HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): US born, Cuban ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Beautiful use of language. Engaging and authentic voice.'
- SILVER 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, 'The plo is engaging and the writing is pretty solid.'

## Best Popular Fiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** San Pío Enarino, Alberto Sánchez Álvarez; Universo de Letras, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; Insights from the ILBA judges, '**Very descriptive that really immerses you, a refreshing story.**'
- SILVER MEDAL** La raíz podrida, Raúl Rubio Escudero; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Soria; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a great story with lots of details and reflections...really engaging'

## Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – English

- GOLD MEDAL** Nobody's Pilgrims, Sergio Troncoso; Cinco Puntos Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I found it easy to jump into and could picture all of it thanks to the descriptive writing style.'
- SILVER MEDAL** A Different Dawn, Isabella Maldonado; Thomas & Mercer; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Puerto Rican; The author(s) lives in: Phoenix; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great pace and dialogue. It was a thrilling read.'
- BRONZE MEDAL** Dreaming with Mariposas, Sonia Gutiérrez; FlowerSong Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Absolutely beautifully written. Clever and innovative method of presenting her life.'

## Best Novel - Adventure or Drama – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL** Molokotov, Julieta Omaña; Dirección de Publicaciones, Coneculta Chiapas; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami & Mexico City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I would recommend this book.'

SILVER MEDAL Arno: La doma del elefante, Natalio Grueso; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The writing is compelling and the plot was engaging'

BRONZE MEDAL Ceniza, Jose Luis Flores; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a really engaging novel with short detailed and very descriptive chapters.'

### **Best Novel - Historical Fiction – English**

GOLD MEDAL Brothers: A Pedro Pan Story, Betty Viamontes; Zapote Street Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent well written story. Well developed story and characters.'

SILVER MEDAL Luther, Wyoming, Tomas Alamilla & Mario Acevedo; Five Star Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican, Mex./USA; The author(s) lives in: Denver, CO; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It held my attention throughout this story of the Old West, including its love story.'

### **Best Novel - Historical Fiction – Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL El doloroso humo de la noche, Ernesto A. Holder; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Panamá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I felt the struggles, held my interest until the very end, read in one sitting.'

SILVER MEDAL Los lazos que nos unen, Marcela Fonseca; Ediciones El Nido del Fénix; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Dallas, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Engaging story line, great structure.'

BRONZE MEDAL La arpía de Roma, Loreto Vega Durán; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I felt like I was there.'

### **Best Novel - Mystery – English**

GOLD MEDAL The Trailing Ghost, Roberto de Haro; ; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This felt like a true Mystery book...reminds me of the show "Burn Notice."' '

SILVER MEDAL Mango, Mambo, and Murder, Raquel V. Reyes; Crooked Lane Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Could be a great "Hallmark Movies Mystery" type of movie.'

### **Best Novel - Mystery – Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL El cazador de mariposas, Joel H. Prevost; Universo de Letras, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Tarragona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'There is a lot of action and it almost feels like a movie.'

SILVER MEDAL Ausencia, Manuel Martínez Maldonado; Publicaciones Gaviota; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a good example of a noir/detective novel.'

### **Best Novel - Fantasy**

GOLD MEDAL El Último Dragón: Las espadas del legado, José del Real Antiquera; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Rancagua; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...Details that help the reader experience the magical and fantastic world of the novel'

SILVER MEDAL El Caballero Jack, Linda Pagán Pattiserie; País Invisible–editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges 'A world created through the five senses, great narrative'

### **Best Novel - Science-Fiction**

GOLD MEDAL El origen, Sierra Eslava; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Córdoba; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent time and reality bending novel.'

SILVER MEDAL Sybille, Eva Van Kreimmer; Sietch Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago de Chile; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I love that this book combines Sci-Fi and an LGBTQIA+ narrative.'

BRONZE MEDAL La reliquia del Leviatán, Andrés Suárez; Sietch Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Osorno; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Enjoyable, remarkable stories from Latin American perspectives'

### **Best Novel - Romance – English**

GOLD MEDAL A Taste of Sage, Yaffa S. Santos; HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): USA born, Dominican Ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Loved the story and the inclusion of recipes throughout.'

SILVER MEDAL Pint of No Return, Dana Mentink; Sourcebooks, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Francisco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I can see this novel as a "Hallmark Movies & Mystery" type of movie. Wonderful story.'

### **Best Novel - Romance – Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL Viviré para siempre en tu sonrisa, Rose Gate; Mil Amores, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Granada; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A definite heart warmer, enjoyed reading the explanations of love through sayings.'

SILVER MEDAL Carpet Diem, Juliet, Claudia Velasco; Mil Amores, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Well written,engaging characters and plot, could not put this down.'

BRONZE MEDAL Las máscaras , Rafael Rodriguez Guerrero; Universo de Letras, Lantia Publishing Group; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sensual and interesting...a great story for those who have given up hope in the eyes of adversity.'

### **Best Graphic Novel**

GOLD MEDAL Nuclear Power, Desirée Proctor and Erica Harrell, designer Lynne Yoshi; Fanbase Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Latinx/ USA; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' I loved it! Great alternate-history/ Sci-fi story that has great character development.'

SILVER MEDAL Manu: A Graphic Novel, Kelly Fernández; Graphix/Scholastic; ; The author(s) lives in: New York, NY; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Manu is a beautiful, funny book with great characters and a clear Hispanic/Latino theme that I totally loved.'

### **Best Fiction - Multi-Author**

GOLD MEDAL Home in Florida: Latinx Writers and the literature of Uprooteness, Anjanette Delgado; University Press of Florida; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is an impressive selection about cultures that are now inhabitants of Florida.'



SILVER MEDAL Siempre Luna Rosa, Mel Gómez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The raw material has been my favorite of this selection to read.'

### Best Collection of Short Stories – English

GOLD MEDAL Chola Salvation, Estella Gonzalez; Arte Publico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Chicana; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, Phoenix, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The stories are powerful and completely captured my attention, opening a huge new perspective for the Latino-culture of East LA and the perspective of the women.'

SILVER MEDAL Songs for the Flames, Juan Gabriel Vásquez; Riverhead Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Authentic and well written, the stories have strong and fascinating characters.'

### Best Collection of Short Stories – Spanish

GOLD MEDAL Las guerras perdidas, Oswaldo Estrada; Sudaquia Editorial; Ancestry of the author(s): Peru/USA; The author(s) lives in: Raleigh, NC; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Todos los relatos fueron muy bien escritos, con una variedad de temas, incluso el político.'

SILVER MEDAL Un Verdadero Mago, Roberto Fuentes; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Relatos muy divertidos, geniales anécdotas'

BRONZE MEDAL Cuentos Nuevomexicanos, Luis Fernández Zavala; Pukiyari Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Perú; The author(s) lives in: Santa Fe, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Lleno de pequeñas jollas, fue muy pacentera la lectura.'

## D EBOOKS & AUDIO AWARDS

### Best Children's Picture eBook

GOLD MEDAL Frida, A Bilingual Book in English and Spanish, Marisa Boan; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A great first book to learn about Frida, colors, paintings and fruit.'

SILVER MEDAL Pablo, A Bilingual Book in English and Spanish, Marisa Boan; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban-American; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges 'Beautiful book! I really love the way blue is discussed and the different types of blues.'

### Best eBook - Nonfiction

GOLD MEDAL A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'I'm grateful to the author for sharing the darkest moment of her life with readers.'

### Best eBook - Fiction

GOLD MEDAL Missing in Miami, Kathryn Lane; Tortuga Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, USA; The author(s) lives in: Houston, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The author is successful in keeping the readers interest.'

### Best Children's Audio Book

GOLD MEDAL La gusanita que se atrevió a soñar, Michelle Estepa; Quines Factory Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Fajardo, Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story was very cute and will be empowering for young children.'

## E PORTUGUESE AWARDS

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

GOLD MEDAL Uma vitória interrompida - O início de tudo, Luciane Mustafá; Up Solutions; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasil; The author(s) lives in: Brasília; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The story transports the reader into the experiences of adolescents, their discoveries and transformations.'

### Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese (Originally in Portuguese)

GOLD MEDAL Embaixo das unhas, Vitor Camargo de Melo; Editora Penalux; Ancestry of the author(s): Brazil; The author(s) lives in: Brasília; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent, well written, captivating, fascinating, brutal and real. Absolutely great.'

SILVER MEDAL 535760 Draco Cola, A Cauda do Dragão, Douglas Portelinha; Chiado Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Brasileiro; The author(s) lives in: Salvador; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The "idea" of the book could make a good movie.'

### Best Book – Nonfiction in Portuguese (Originally in another language)

GOLD MEDAL Diário espiritual: Um pensamento inspirador para cada dia do ano, Paramahansa Yogananda e outros autores; Self-Realization Fellowship; Ancestry of the author(s): USA The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A dispassionate book about spirituality and devotion, with plenty of advice on how to be full, wholesome, happy.'

## F DESIGN AWARDS

### Best Cover design

GOLD MEDAL Dreaming with Mariposas, Sonia Gutiérrez; FlowerSong Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: San Diego, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Made me want to pick up the book – which is what a good cover must do.'

SILVER MEDAL Historias del clavel, Benjamín Villegas; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Bogota, Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The cover added texture to the font color and petals with texture, make you want to open the book.'

BRONZE MEDAL La Jirafa que no Cabía en su Cuento, Haydée Zayas Ramos; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is such an engaging picture book, great design where it integrates the text into the design.'

### Best Cover Illustration or Photo

GOLD MEDAL Un Coquí de Boriuén canta aquí y allá también, Lara Mercado y Armando Valdés, Illustrated by Nivea Ortiz; Little Boricuas; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/ Armando:Cuban; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations, colors, children, and elements work nicely together.'

SILVER MEDAL El doloroso humo de la noche, Ernesto A. Holder; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Panamá; The author(s) lives in: Panamá; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The perfect illustration to provide a connection with the title.'

### Best Interior Design

GOLD MEDAL El cadáver de la realidad, Carlos Reyes G.; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The illustrations in this book are FANTASTIC!'

SILVER MEDAL La niña que llegó del mar, Sylma García González; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The font and colorful illustrations set a tone of imagination and fun.'

### **Best Use of photos or Illustrations Inside the Book**

GOLD MEDAL Pitu le Baila al Mar, Gama Valle; Illustrated by Yamel Figueroa ; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The artwork carries the story. The artist portrays emotions very well.'

SILVER MEDAL Tierra Colombiana / Colombian Land, Fotografías por Santiago Harker; Villegas Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Colombia; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The photos carry the book. Perfect coffee table book.'

BRONZE MEDAL Am I Blue or Am I green? Azul o verde. ¿Cuál soy yo?, Beatrice Zamora; Tolteca Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Chicana/ Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: San Diego; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wonderfully illustrated to follow the stories.'

## **G TRANSLATION AWARDS**

### **Best Children's Picture Book Translation - Spanish to English**

GOLD MEDAL Un Coquí de Boriqúen canta aquí y allá también, Lara Mercado y Armando Valdés; Little Boricuas; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/ Armando:Cuban; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a book to be read to a child...it instills pride in both cultures'

SILVER MEDAL Haciendo olas/ Making Waves, Nana & Nina; Babidi- bú; Ancestry of the author(s): Yabucoa, Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Tennessee & Puerto Rico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Reads like a series of motivational quotes reworded for children.'

### **Best Children's Picture Book Translation - English to Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL Los Sneetches y otros cuentos, Dr. Seus, Translated by Yanitzia Canetti; Random House Children's Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Cuban; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very vivacious translation. Great for LA and Reading class.'

### **Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - Spanish to English**

GOLD MEDAL The Sea-ringed world: Sacred Stories of the Americas, Maria García Esperón, translated by David Bowles; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): USA & Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Mexico City & MacAllen TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent and clear translation, a special topic worth covering'

SILVER MEDAL Neverforgotten/Nuncaseolvida, Alejandra Algorta, translated by Aida Salazar; Levine Querido; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia & USA; The author(s) lives in: Bogotá & Oakland, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The Spanish version sounds natural and authentic. An excellent translation.'

### **Best Chapter/Young Adult Book Translation - English to Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL La vida de acuerdo a la rana Og, Betty G. Birney; Translated by Eva Ibarzábal; Puffin Books, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): Translator: Cuba/puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Told in a clever way this is a fun book, the short poems are very well translated.'

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

GOLD MEDAL SalviYorkers, Carmen Molina-Tamacas, Translated by Raquel Andino, Edwin Montenegro & Nicole Bonaccorso; K ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): El Salvador; The author(s) lives in: New Jersey; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'What a wonderful book! The translation is careful and accurate.'

SILVER MEDAL Sergio Ramírez, Interviews and Chronicles, Karly Gaitán Morales; Translated by Maria Roof; Casasola Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua; The author(s) lives in: Managua, Nicaragua; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'It is a book born from love, written and translated with love.'

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

GOLD MEDAL Corea del Sur: El precio de la eficiencia y el éxito, Dr. John Gonzalez and Young Lee; John Gonzalez; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An effective translation that accurately transliterates social and economic concepts.'

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

GOLD MEDAL Blue Flowers, Carola Saavedra, Translated by Daniel Hahn; Riverhead Books; ; Insights from the ILBA judges, ''

SILVER MEDAL The Sunset's Shadow, Mayra 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 beautiful, well-crafted story that is both evocative of our adolescence and youth'

BRONZE MEDAL El feliz ingenio neomexicano: Felipe M. Chacón and Poesía y prosa, Edited and Translated by Anna M. Nogar and A. Gabriel Meléndez; University of New Mexico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): US; The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, NM; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A lot of loving work went into this bilingual volume, the translated text feels like original writing.'

## **H THE MARIPOSA AWARDS**

### **Best First Book - Children & Youth – English or Bilingual**

GOLD MEDAL Time Villains, Victor Piñero; Sourcebooks, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Fun and clever Nice representation of Latino kids in something different.'

SILVER MEDAL Adventures with Abuela: Let's go to the Zoo!, Virginia Martinez; Illustrated by Jesus Gallardo; Fig Factor Media LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Precious! I could see this being part of a series about the adventures of Abuela and Rio'

BRONZE MEDAL The Elote Man Goes to College, Maia Gonzalez; Illustrated by Chalome Gonzalez; ; Ancestry of the author(s): US/ Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great story - felt 'new'. I liked how the people were depicted in various shades of skin tones.'

### **Best First Book - Children & Youth – Spanish**

GOLD MEDAL Pitu le Baila al Mar, Gama Valle; Illustrated by Yamel Figueroa ; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The book's message comes through loud and clear through the storytelling and artwork.'

SILVER MEDAL Kilian y el Papiro Sagrado, J. G. Autoriza; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Temuco; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great use of an adventure to appeal to audience senses. Keeps the reader engaged.'

### **Best First Book - Nonfiction – English**

GOLD MEDAL Portrait of a Deputy Public Defender, Juanita E. Mantz; Bamboo Dart Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican; The author(s) lives in: San Bernardino/Riverside; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This book is important. The writing is incredibly skillful.'

- SILVER MEDAL A Star for Stella, Leia Baez; New Degree Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/Mexican; The author(s) lives in: Omaha, Nebraska; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The first chapter of the book got me invested in the story and I literally read this book in one sitting.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Zapote Tree, Alejandro Morales; Golden Foothills Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States of America; The author(s) lives in: Irvine, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Definitely a must read for both poetry lovers and non poetry lovers.'

### Best First Book - Nonfiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Siempre en Viernes, Sandra M. Colorado Vega; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Guaynabo, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'The storytelling flows throughout its entirety... phenomenal'
- SILVER MEDAL Pivotes: agentes de cambio para emprender, Mariely Rivera Hernández; Deletrea, Inc.; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great book for nonprofit leaders to read.'

### Best First Book - Fiction – English

- GOLD MEDAL Chola Salvation, Estella Gonzalez; Arte Publico Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico, Chicana; The author(s) lives in: Tucson, Phoenix, TX; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A funny and at times sad collection of very relatable short stories.'
- SILVER MEDAL All Day is a Long Time, David Sanchez; HarperCollins Publishers; Ancestry of the author(s): US born, Cuban ancestry; The author(s) lives in: Tampa, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A captivating story that immerses the reader in the life of an addict through lyrical prose'
- BRONZE MEDAL The Town Of Babylon, Alejandro Varela; Astra House; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An excellent portrayal of "returning home again," and re-living the painful experiences of growing up gay.'

### Best First Book - Fiction – Spanish

- GOLD MEDAL Monstrua, NLa Contreras; Aurea Ediciones; Ancestry of the author(s): Chile; The author(s) lives in: Santiago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Sería una gran serie de televisión/Netflix'
- SILVER MEDAL Inolvidar, Iris Morata; Caligrama, Penguin Random House; Ancestry of the author(s): Spanish; The author(s) lives in: Dubai; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Keeps reader interested. Good story makes the reader think and want more.'

## I THEMED AWARDS

### The Dolores Huerta Best Community Service Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL Raulito: The First Latino Governor of Arizona, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford; Piñata Books; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Tucson AZ; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Definitely recommend for a reading list for Latino culture class.'

### Best LGBTQ+ Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL Pitu le Baila al Mar, Gama Valle; Illustrated by Yamel Figueroa; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Que libro tan lindo!! Una historia preciosa'
- SILVER MEDAL Transmovimientos, Ellie D. Hernández, Eddy Francisco Alvarez Jr., Magda García ; The University of Nebraska Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA/ Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Spokane, Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Another excellent collection on trans identities, great read and ew information on policies.'

### The Ambassador Julian Nava Best Educational Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL Shadowing Multilingual Learners, Ivannia Soto; Corwin Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA- Costa Rica; The author(s) lives in: CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent book, as an educator, I feel everyone can benefit for themselves and helping others.'
- SILVER MEDAL Encarnación Castro's Journey in the Anza Expedition 1775-1776, Linda Castro Martinez; Covenant Books, Inc; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Very interesting book, keeps you engaged and would love to see it I'm a movie, reminds me of Agua para Chocolate.'

### Best Academic Themed Book, College Level

- GOLD MEDAL 26 Años de Esclavitud: Juan Miranda y otros 'Negros Españoles' en la Nueva York Colonial, Beatriz Carolina Peña; Editoriales Universidad del Rosario; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: New York; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A great contribution to the historical memory of slavery in the new world. Very well documented!!!'
- SILVER MEDAL Ripped Apart: Unsettling Narratives of Transnational Migration, Vanessa de Veritch Woodside; Texas Tech University Press; Ancestry of the author(s): USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle, WA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great analysis of different Latin writers and their experiences at the border.'

### Best Culturally Themed Academic Book

- GOLD MEDAL Food Studies in Latin American Literature: Perspectives on the Gastronomarrative, Edited by Rocío del Aguila and Vanesa Miseres; University of Arkansas Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Rocío del Aguila (Peru), Vanesa Miseres (Argentina) and 14 authors (Mexico, Spain, Colombia, United States, Canada); The author(s) lives in: Wichita, Kansas & South Bend, Indiana; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Broad-based education in the nature and traditions of Food.'
- SILVER MEDAL Beyond the Gallery: An Anthology of Visual Encounters, Liuba Gonzalez de Armas, Ana Ruiz Aguirre and Luciana Arregue (Eds); Laberinto Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Argentina, Cuba; The author(s) lives in: Edmond, Alberta; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Yes, definitely a must for a reading list in a college-level Chicano/Latino Culture class.'
- BRONZE MEDAL Profiles of Prominent Hispanic Graduates, Educators, Citizens, From Adams State College and The San Luis Valley, Compiled & Edited by Dr. Ronald W. Maéstas; ; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Latinox; The author(s) lives in: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Yes, very informative and in-depth analysis of the personalities.'

### Best Book About Military Service

- GOLD MEDAL ¡Atrapa la estrella!, Brenda Ehrmantraut; Translated by Ana Stevenson; Elva Resa Publishing; Ancestry of the author(s): Santiago de Chile (Ana); The author(s) lives in: Washington, DC (Ana); Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Quality writing, clever rhyming, and good illustrations.'

### Best Latina Themed Book

- GOLD MEDAL Latinas in Architecture: Stories of Raising the 1% one Latina at a time, Alicia Ponce; Fig Factor Media LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): US, Mexican American; The author(s) lives in: Chicago; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'LOVE, LOVE, LOVE! You do not need to be into architecture to be inspired by such empowering Latinas'
- SILVER MEDAL La niña que llegó del mar, Sylma García González; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Such beautiful and colorful illustrations, along with storyline'

BRONZE MEDAL Pitu le Baila al Mar, Gama Valle; Illustrated by Yamel Figueroa; Editorial Destellos LLC; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: NY city; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'To be added to the children's library collection'

### Best Play or Collection of Plays

GOLD MEDAL Cuatro dramas para una comedia, José Iglesias Blandón, Pilar Távora, Rocío Cuadrelli Lozano, Joaquín Abad; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Sevilla; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...lloré y contemplé mucho en estas dramatizaciones...Four young dramatists created something original.'

SILVER MEDAL Qué manera de vivir, Jesús Cabanas; Samarcanda, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Madrid; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Escrito con una pasión y humor que mantiene al lector entretenido'

## J POETRY AWARDS

### Best Children's & Youth Poetry Book

GOLD MEDAL Y la tierra sonríe, Omira Bellizzio; Ilustrado por Casa Garabato; Poetapop; Ancestry of the author(s): Venezuela; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Nice book on nature and the importance of respecting our planet.'

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

GOLD MEDAL Antes que isla es volcán/Before island is volcano, Raquel Salas Rivera, **Illustrated by Kevin Keele**; Beacon Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: San Juan, PR; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Excellent. Poet stitches pain and beauty in both languages masterfully.'

SILVER MEDAL The Life Assignment, Ricardo Alberto Maldonado; Four Way Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Bravo. Fresh and inventive and this book has it.'

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

GOLD MEDAL Chingona Rules, Melissa Castillo Planas; Finishing Line Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico/USA; The author(s) lives in: New York City; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'really enjoyed the writing style, the Spanish really enhanced the poem'

GOLD MEDAL I Was a Bell, M. Soledad Caballero; Red Hen Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Santiago de Chile; The author(s) lives in: Pittsburg, PA; Insights from the ILBA judges, ' Full o vivid images and detailed descriptions'

GOLD MEDAL The Broken Woman Diaries, Violeta Orozco; Illustrated by Perla Temoltzin; Andante Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexico; The author(s) lives in: Cincinnati, OH; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Great imagery and descriptions.'

SILVER MEDAL Living on Islands Not Found on Maps, Luivette Resto; FlowerSong Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico/ Boricua; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles; Insights from the ILBA judges, '...Appreciate the real topics and current events addressed in the poems'

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

GOLD MEDAL Huellas de una memoria perdida, Adriana Devers; Cuentos de Tríadas; Ancestry of the author(s): Dominican Republic; The author(s) lives in: N.Y.; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Wide range of thoughtful and eloquent expressions.'

SILVER MEDAL Mar de azulete, José Herreros; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Barcelona; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Poemas que te hacen sentir y pensar en ese ser amado'

BRONZE MEDAL Desde el balcón de mis desvelos, Anna Silveti; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'An extraordinary collection, compact and accessible. Her solitude, universal.'

BRONZE MEDAL Instantes de luz y valentía, Beatriz Caspar; Caligrama, Lantia Publishing Group; Ancestry of the author(s): Spain; The author(s) lives in: Zuoz/ Switzerland; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Conveying a full range of sentiments, sympathies and encouragements in an accessible and entertaining assemblage'

### Best Poetry Book - Multi-Author

GOLD MEDAL El ABC de la comida puertorriqueña/ The ABC's of Puerto Rican Food, Lizmer Montalvo-Juliá & Lucy Ann Montalvo Blanton; Luli Bilingual Books; Ancestry of the author(s): Puerto Rico; The author(s) lives in: Charlottesville/ Richmond; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a beautiful, feel-good, and well-intentioned book.'

### Best Poetry Anthology Book

GOLD MEDAL Doctor Poets & Other Healers: COVID in Their Own Words, Edited by Thelma T. Reyna, Frank L. Meyskens, Jr. & Johanna Shapiro; Golden Foothills Press; Ancestry of the author(s): United States of America; The author(s) lives in: Los Angeles, CA; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'A lyrical memoir of heartaches and big responsibility to keep humanity going through a catastrophe such as a pandemic.'

SILVER MEDAL Women Poets of Costa Rica 1980-2020, Arabella Salaverry, Ed; Casasola Editores; Ancestry of the author(s): Nicaragua; The author(s) lives in: Managua, Nicaragua; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is an intimate portrait of a country told by matriarchs and muses that spans generations and landscapes.'

## K MARKETING AWARDS

### Best Author Video Promoting a Book

GOLD MEDAL Como despertar a una foca, Liliana Orozco, Illustrated by Julián García; ; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'This is a delightful, well produced, written and beautifully shot video.'

SILVER MEDAL Living Color: Angie Rubio Stories, [youtu.be/4jVvyptq3ho](https://youtu.be/4jVvyptq3ho), Donna Miscolta; Jaded Ibis Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Mexican-Filipino/USA; The author(s) lives in: Seattle; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Powerful images and music.'

### Best Website Promoting a Book

GOLD MEDAL ¿Qué Dicen las Mujeres del Divorcio?, [synchronycenter.com/que-dicen-las-mujeres-del-divorcio](https://synchronycenter.com/que-dicen-las-mujeres-del-divorcio), Sandra Arroyave; Snow Fountain Press; Ancestry of the author(s): Colombia; The author(s) lives in: Miami, FL; Insights from the ILBA judges, 'Helpful resources, the video on the website sets the right tone.'