

# Western Writers of America, Inc.

## 2021 WWA Spur Awards Contest Rules

Entries are now being accepted for the 2021 Western Writers of America Spur Awards.

To be eligible, works submitted must be set in the American West, the early frontier, or relate to the Western or frontier experience. Nonmembers as well as members of WWA are encouraged to enter. Works submitted for this competition must have been first commercially published or aired during the 2020 calendar year (Commercial publication is defined as having value. The author must either be paid, or the publication must be purchased through a subscription or other sales venue, or earn revenue through advertising sales.) Authors may submit up to *five entries maximum per category*. Each submission must be entered as a separate entry. Individual works may be submitted in ONLY ONE category.

**Written copies of all books must be submitted** (this should be a published book or a copy of a manuscript in the event it is an audiobook or eBook). *NO revised editions, e-mailed copies, photocopies, advance readers copies or proofs will be accepted.*

Works published in *Roundup* magazine are not eligible for the Spur Award competition. At their discretion, judges may rule not to award a Spur or finalist honors in the category they are judging.

All material eligible for the Spur Awards **MUST** be submitted with an ENTRY FORM and **FIRST COPYRIGHTED in 2020**. *Only entries with proper paperwork will be judged.*

## Categories

**BEST WESTERN TRADITIONAL NOVEL.** For any book-length novel (print, eBook, original audiobook) set prior to 1940 that does not include actual historical persons and events in a principal role, and is dependent in whole or in part on settings, characters, conditions or customs indigenous to the American West or early frontier.

**BEST WESTERN HISTORICAL NOVEL.** For any book-length novel (print, eBook, original audiobook) set prior to 1940 that is based on actual historical characters, settings and events in the American West or early frontier.

**BEST WESTERN CONTEMPORARY NOVEL.** For any book-length novel (print, eBook, original audiobook) focusing on characters, events, places or developments in the American West from 1940 to present.

**BEST WESTERN ORIGINAL MASS-MARKET PAPERBACK NOVEL.** For mass-market (not trade) paperback originals meeting the content requirements of the categories of Best Western Traditional Novel, Best Western Historical Novel or Best Western Contemporary Novel. A trade paperback may be entered in one of the above categories; it may not be entered in this category.

**BEST WESTERN ROMANCE NOVEL.** For any original book-length novel (audiobook, eBook, hardcover, trade paperback, mass-market paperback) set in any time period that has romance as a key plot/character point while focusing on characters, events, places or developments in the American West.

**BEST WESTERN NONFICTION – HISTORICAL (TO 1940).** For book-length works (print, eBook, original audiobook), including memoirs, focusing primarily on events, persons, places, or developments of the American West up to the year 1940.

**BEST WESTERN NONFICTION – CONTEMPORARY (1940 TO PRESENT).** For book-length works (print, eBook, original audiobook), including memoirs, focusing primarily on events, persons, places, or developments of the American West from 1940 to the present.

**BEST WESTERN NONFICTION – BIOGRAPHY.** For book-length works (print, eBook, original audiobook), excluding memoirs, about a person whose life has been associated with the American West or early frontier.

**BEST WESTERN SHORT FICTION STORY.** For works published in magazines, periodicals and anthologies, their creation dependent in whole or in part on settings, characters, conditions, or customs indigenous to the American West or early frontier.

**BEST WESTERN SHORT NONFICTION.** For works published in magazines, periodicals and anthologies about events, persons, places, or developments related to the American West or early frontier.

**BEST WESTERN JUVENILE FICTION.** For any book-length novel (print, eBook, original audiobook), the creation of which is dependent in whole or in part on settings, characters, conditions, or customs indigenous to the American West or early frontier and written especially for young readers.

**BEST WESTERN JUVENILE NONFICTION.** For book-length works (print, eBook, original audiobook) about events, persons, places, or developments related to the American West or early frontier and written especially for young readers.

**BEST WESTERN DRAMA SCRIPT (FICTION).** For a script for a radio, television or motion-picture production or a play that was first released, aired or produced for the public in 2020 and contains plot, thrust, focus and voice depicting elements of the American West (past or present) or early frontier. A screenplay, shooting script or play **MUST** be submitted, along with an industry acceptable format DVD/Flash Drive/Vimeo/YouTube or viewable link of the motion picture or television program; an audio recording of the radio program; or a program for the play.

**BEST WESTERN DOCUMENTARY SCRIPT (NONFICTION).** For a documentary written for radio, television, motion picture, or as a film or play for a museum/library/etc., that was first released, aired or produced for the public in 2020 and contains plot, thrust, focus and voice depicting elements of the American West (past or present) or early frontier. A screenplay, shooting script or play **MUST** be submitted, along with an industry acceptable format DVD/Flash Drive/Vimeo/YouTube or viewable link of the documentary, television program or museum/library/etc. film; an audio recording of the radio program; or a program for the play.

**STORYTELLER/ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK.** For best illustrated children's picture book, the creation of which is dependent in whole or in part on settings, characters, conditions, or customs related to the American West or early frontier, but written and illustrated for young readers. Both author and artist will receive awards.

**BEST WESTERN POEM.** For an original published poem whose inspiration, image and literary excellence best represent the reality and spirit of the American West.

**BEST ORIGINAL WESTERN SONG.** For an original recorded song, released in 2020 for the *first time* and available to the public, with lyrics dependent in whole or in part on settings, characters, conditions or customs indigenous to the American West or early frontier. A copy of the LYRIC SHEET and CD/medium (with release date) **MUST** be submitted.

If this is your **FIRST NOVEL** or your **FIRST NONFICTION BOOK**, and you meet the requirements described below, your entry *may be recognized* as the "BEST FIRST NOVEL" or "BEST FIRST NONFICTION BOOK." Please check the BOX on the entry form and *submit two copies* of your published entry to the Spur Chair to be eligible. **THIS IS NOT a category** (You **MUST** enter your work in a category from the list above to qualify).

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AUGUST 2020

## ENTRY RULES

Required for each submission:

\*One copy of the published work and the entry form **MUST** be mailed to the Spur Chair and to each of the three (3) Judges in the appropriate category.

\*Two copies sent to Spur Chair for *First Novel or First Nonfiction Book* registry.

Entries should be submitted at the *earliest possible date*, but **MUST** be received by no later than October 1, 2020, for materials first published/ released January 1-August 31, 2020, or no later than January 15, 2021, for materials first published/released September 1-December 31, 2020.

No entries arriving after the deadlines will be considered. Works submitted cannot be returned or their delivery acknowledged.

Winners and finalists are scheduled to be announced by WWA in March 2021. Awards are scheduled to be presented during the 2021 WWA convention in June in Loveland, Colorado.

## 2021 WWA SPUR AWARDS ENTRY FORM

**Please complete this form!** Mail form and a copy of your published work to the Spur Awards Chair AND to the 3 Judges in the appropriate category.

*List of Spur Judges on next page*

### 1. Spur Awards chair

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### 2. Three Judges whose category you are entering: please list names

- 1.) \_\_\_\_\_  
2.) \_\_\_\_\_  
3.) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Publish Date (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

### Category Entered

Check ONE category. ALL Entries must be FIRST COPYRIGHTED in 2020

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Traditional Novel           | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Juvenile Fiction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Documentary Script          | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Juvenile Nonfiction  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Historical Novel            | <input type="checkbox"/> Storyteller/Illustrated Children's Book<br><i>(please include both author and artist)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Drama Script                | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Nonfiction—Historical  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Contemporary Novel          | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Short Fiction  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Poem                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Short Nonfiction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Mass-Market Paperback Novel | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Nonfiction—Contemporary  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Romance Novel               | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Nonfiction—Biography   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Western Song                        |  |

**Please Check Box** if above entry is your **FIRST NOVEL** or **FIRST NONFICTION BOOK**.  
(submit extra copy of published entry to Spur Chair to be entered in "Best First Book" Award)

Author
PRINT NAME: Author (and pseudonym if used)
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone Number
PRINT Email address

Publisher
Publisher
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone Number
PRINT Email address

Person the Spur Chair should contact

Signature / Title / Date

## **RULES** (from page 14)

**BEST FIRST NOVEL.** For the best first novel that otherwise meets the requirements of Best Western Traditional Novel, Best Western Historical Novel, Best Western Contemporary Novel, Best Western Romance Novel or Best

Western Juvenile Fiction. This must be the first novel by author in any genre. Only one book will be recognized. Submit two copies of book to Spur Award Chair.

**BEST FIRST NONFICTION BOOK.** For the best first nonfiction book that otherwise meets the requirements of Best Western Non-

fiction – Historical, Best Western Nonfiction – Contemporary; Best Western Biography or Best Western Juvenile Nonfiction. This must be the first nonfiction book by author in any genre. Only one book will be recognized. Submit two copies of book to Spur Award Chair.

## **2021 Spur Award Judges Contact Info**

Second addresses, when listed, are for FedEx, UPS, etc. USPS mail should be sent to the first address.

### **Contemporary Novel**

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Golden, CO 80401

David Morrell  
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### **Mass-Market Paperback Novel**

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Cordova, TN 38018

Dana Glossbrenner  
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San Angelo, TX 76904

W. Michael Farmer  
114 Commodore Lane  
Smithfield, VA 23430

### **Romance Novel**

Linda Jacobs  
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JoEllen Yoho  
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Little Hocking, OH 45742

Terry Del Bene  
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Cocoa, FL 32926

### **Traditional Novel**

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Albuquerque, NM 87111

Marcia Gaye  
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### **Historical Novel**

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Nashville, TN 37221

Reavis Wortham  
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### **Biography**

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### **Contemporary Nonfiction**

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Donna Coulson  
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19980 W. Top o' the Moor Dr.  
Monument, CO 80132-9330

### **Historical Nonfiction**

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Littleton, CO 80128

Cathleen Norman  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Linda Wommack  
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### **Juvenile Fiction**

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### **Juvenile Nonfiction**

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Joe Bruchac  
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Greenfield Center, NY 12833

### **Storyteller (Illustrated Children's Book)**

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Debbie G. Keith  
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Bridger, MT 59014

Erin Shockley  
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Cheyenne, WY 82009

### **Short Fiction**

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Clinton, MT 59825

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Englewood, CO 80113

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Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Don Reeves  
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