



THE LATINO BOOKS INTO MOVIES AWARDS

Celebrating books and screenplays by and about Latinos
that are potentially suitable as future television shows or movies
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THE 2023 LATINO BOOKS INTO MOVIES AWARD WINNERS

We want to salute this years exciting group of Winners from the 2023 Latino Books into Movies Awards. Professionals in many aspects of the film and television industry served as the judges for these awards and they were excited about the possibilities of these chosen books and scripts becoming the type of products that will entertain and education audiences. The entertainment industry is rapidly evolving and finally some of the television and movie productions are paying attention to the Latino market.

In 2010 Empowering Latino Futures, chaired by actor Edward James Olmos, created the Latino Books into Movies Awards for one reason: To help facilitate the production of more television shows and movies by and about Latinos. The Awards are organized by Empowering Latino Futures that also produces the Int'l Latino Book Awards (3,755 authors honored since 1998) and oversees the Int'l Society of Latino Authors. Other programs include the Latino Book & Family Festivals (70 Festivals have been held since 1997); the Latino & American Indian Scholarship Directory (182,000 copies in distribution); and Education Begins in the Home (which has given away over 208,000+ books to underserved youth in just 7 years. For more information on any of these programs go to www.EmpoweringLatinoFutures.org or call 760-579-1696.

Here are the 2023 Winners:

Action & Adventure Movie

Gold Medal, Tujunga, Carlos Alvarado, Determined2 publishing

Animated Movie

Gold Medal, That Girl on TV Could Be Me! The Journey of a Latina News Anchor, Leticia Ordaz, Immedium

Silver Medal, The Day Abuelo Got Lost, Diane de Anda, Illustrated by Alleanna Harris, Albert Whitman & Company

Biographic Movie

Gold 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

Silver Medal, In the Shadows of the Freeway: Growing Up Brown & Queer, Lydia R. Otero, Planet Earth Press

Silver Medal, The Latinaires, La Familia, Little Joe y más, Ramón R. Hernández, Hispanic Entertainment Archives Publishing

Bronze Medal, Chasing Excellence: The Remarkable Life and Inspiring Vigilosophy of Coach Joe I. Vigil, Pat Melgares, Soulstice Publishing

Bronze Medal, Defiance and Redemption, A Lifetime of Unbroken Bonds, Maria J. Andrade,

Bronze Medal, Pulido del Barrio Libre, Reynaldo G. Santa Cruz, Jr.,

Bronze Medal, Raulito: The First Latino Governor of Arizona, Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford, Piñata Books

Documentary

Gold Medal, I know where the bodies are buried: there are stories to tell, questions to ask, Carlos Melendrez, Foxware Publishing

Dramatic Movie

Gold Medal, The Cost of Freedom, Lilyam Martínó, Lilyam Martino

Silver Medal, Until We're Fish, Susannah Rodríguez Drissi, Propertius Press

Bronze Medal, Sanctuary, Rocky Barilla, Rosquete Press

Kids & Family Movie

Gold Medal, Eliot a Street Dog, Veronica Salgado,

Romantic Movie

Gold Medal, The Dutch Woman's Message, Isabel García Cintas, Amancay Ediciones

Sci-Fi or Fantasy Movie

Gold Medal, Death Song of the Dragón Chicxulub, R. Ch. Garcia, Somos en escrito Literary Foundation Press

Inspirational Movie

Gold Medal, Efreñ Divided, Ernesto Cisneros, Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins

Silver Medal, Falling Short, Ernesto Cisneros, Quill Tree Books, HarperCollins

Bronze Medal, Harvesting Dreams, Erica Alfaro, Barker & Jules

Bronze Medal, Tales of an Inland Empire Girl, Juanita E. Mantz, Los Nietos Press

Latino Themed Movie

Gold Medal, A Ballad of Love and Glory, Reyna Grande, Atria Books

Silver Medal, Dreaming with Mariposas, Sonia Gutiérrez, FlowerSong Press

Silver Medal, Justicia! The New Mexico Landgrant Movement 1956-1968, Federico Antonio Reade,

Silver Medal, Mudflap Girl, based on the novel González & Daughter Trucking Co., Maria Amparo Escandón, The Other Truth Productions, LLC

Bronze Medal, Shattered Dreams, Rocky Barilla, Rosquete Press

Latino Themed TV series

Gold Medal, This Train is Being Held, Ismée Williams, Amulet Books, Abrams

Latino Historical Themed TV series for a network like the History Channel

Gold Medal, Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna & The Other Side of the River series, Alda P. Dobbs, Sourcebooks

Drama TV series

Gold Medal, The Wall, David Pereda, Drake Valley Press

Silver Medal, A Woman's Story, Francine Rodriguez, Madville Publishing

Silver Medal, The Dutch Woman's Message, Isabel García Cintas, Amancay Ediciones

Bronze Medal, Flower From a Strange Tree, Carolina A. Herrera, El BeiSMAN Press

Bronze Medal, The Golden Prison, Paul Alexander Sangillo, Red Sky Presents

Family centered TV series

Gold Medal, Living Color: Angie Rubio Stories, Donna Miscolta, Jaded Ibis Press

Cartoon/Animated TV series

Gold Medal, That Girl on TV Could Be Me! The Journey of a Latina News Anchor, Leticia Ordaz, Immedium

Silver Medal, Luisita and COVID-19, Dora Przybylek, Laredo Publishing Company

Bronze Medal, Club Oasis: Childhood Memories, Alma M. Garcia, Floricanto Press

Bronze Medal, Lala the Lizard, Susana Illera Martínez, Snow Fountain Press

Cooking show TV series

Gold Medal, Herencia Cookbook, Bernadette Molina, Rosette Publications

TV movie for a channel like Hallmark or Lifetime

Gold Medal, The Thing About Love & The Thing About Ever After series, J M Raphaele,

Silver Medal, The Scar of a Miracle, Monica Gonzalez,

Christmas or Holiday TV movie

Gold Medal, Blanca Nieves Christmas, Yolanda Mendiveles,

Movie with a Latino theme

Gold Medal, Esteban's Caravan: from Hope to an American Cage, Denis O'Leary, Floricanto Press

Silver Medal, When the Light Goes Out, Alma Lazar,

Television movie with a Latino theme

Gold Medal, We Are Not Slaves: State Violence, Coerced Labor, and Prisoners's Rights in Postwar America, Robert T. Chase, University of North Carolina Press