



THE Commonwealth Club OF CALIFORNIA

The 81st Annual California Book Awards

Submission Guidelines

To Authors and Publishers:

You are cordially invited to submit an entry in the 81st Annual California Book Awards presented by The Commonwealth Club of California. Awards are given to books exhibiting exceptional literary merit. The following are submission criteria:

Each submission must have a completed entry form (paper or digital on-line form) and must be postmarked no later than December 16th, 2011. To complete an On-Line Entry Form or to download Entry Forms to print at home you may visit us at our official webpage www.CommonwealthClub.org/BookAwards. *Early entries are appreciated.*

Entries are restricted to books bearing a 2011 *original* publication date.

Books cannot be self-published. In addition, chapbooks will not be eligible.

The author must have been a legal resident of California at the time the manuscript was accepted for publication. To be eligible for an award in Notable Contribution to Publishing, the author must be a California resident (as stipulated above) or the publisher can be recognized the applicant, provided the publisher is California-based.

There is no entry fee. Either author or publisher may submit entries. At least *six* (6) review copies of each work must be sent to our San Francisco office. Entry Forms/On-Line Form Print-Outs may be sent separately if books are shipped directly from a warehouse or distributor. Review copies will not be returned. Your submission is considered complete once we have both the review copies and an entry form (digital or print). Due to the high volume of submissions, we are unable to confirm whether an entry was received.

Awards will consist of gold and silver medals in the following categories:

- Fiction;
- Nonfiction;
- Poetry;
- First Work of Fiction;
- Juvenile Literature, up to age 10;
- Young Adult Literature, ages 11-16;
- Californiana (fiction or nonfiction relating to California);
- Notable Contribution to Publishing (outstanding book production);

The Book Awards jury will also consider a Work in Translation in any category. To be eligible, the translation must bear a 2011 *original* publication date in accordance with general submission guidelines, and the translator must have been legal resident in California at the time the work was accepted for publication.

Entries should be mailed to:
The Commonwealth Club of California
Attn: The California Book Awards
595 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

We look forward to receiving your potential winning entry. Information, Book Awards history, submission guidelines, Commonwealth Club of California information and entry forms are also available on our website: www.CommonwealthClub.org/BookAwards. If you have any further questions, please contact us at: BookAwards@commonwealthclub.org.

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