

2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards Shortlist Announced

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PNBA is happy to announce the 2021 Book Awards Shortlist, selected by a committee of independent booksellers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. This year's committee chose the following 12 finalists, crafted by Northwest authors and illustrators, from a list of nearly 400 nominated titles published during 2020.

For more information on these books and contributors, visit PNBA's 2021 Shortlist page on the association's website. Shortlist honorees are also profiled on PNBA's NWBookLovers consumer facing site.

PNBA will announce the six winners of the 2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards in early January

2021 Shortlist:

Cedar + Salt: Vancouver Island Recipes from Forest, Farm, Field and Sea

DL Acken (Victoria, BC) and Emily Lycopulus (Salt Spring Island, BC)
Touchwood Editions

The Galleons: Poems

Rick Barot (Tacoma, WA)
Milkweed Editions

Godshot

Chelsea Bieker (Portland, OR)
Catapult / Counterpoint

Nature Obscura: A City's Hidden Natural World

Kelly Brenner (Seattle, WA)
Mountaineers Books

Birdsong

Julie Flett (Vancouver, BC)
Greystone Books

Lupe Wong Won't Dance

Donna Barba Higuera (Issaquah, WA)
Levine Querido

This Is My America

Kim Johnson (Eugene, OR)
Random House Books for Young Readers

The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir

E.J. Koh (Seattle, WA)

Tin House Books

Mexican Gothic

Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Vancouver, BC)

Del Rey / Penguin Random House

rough house

Tina Ontiveros (The Dalles, OR)

Oregon State University Press

Cemetery Boys

Aiden Thomas (Portland, OR)

Swoon Reads / Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan

The Blue House

Phoebe Wahl (Bellingham, WA)

Alfred A. Knopf / Penguin Random House

About the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association

PNBA is a non-profit trade association that supports independent bookselling in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Each year since 1965, the Pacific Northwest Book Awards have celebrated exceptional books written by Northwest authors.

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The site also hosts the Pacific Northwest Independent Bestseller List, a weekly presentation of the bestselling books in the independent bookstores of our five-state region. The list may be reprinted in any publication.

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