BOOK AWARDS  
(in progress: for current month, check Notes from the previous year until we are all caught up)

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**January deadlines**

Eric Hoffer awards. $69. 2022 and legacy awards (no restrictions). MSI Press books that have won this award include *One Family: Indivisible* (Greenebaum, finalist), *Road to Damascus* (E. Imady, first runner-up), *The Marriage Whisperer* (Pickett, honorable mention).

Illuminati Awards. $95. Christian books published January 2021 and later. Enduring Light category for books since 2000. [Eligibility (illuminationawards.com)](http://www.illuminationawards.com/3/eligibility)

Pinnacle Book Achievement Award. $50 (must be a member of NABE; otherwise, $90; MSI Press is a member of NABE). 2022-2023; awarded quarterly. MSI books that have won this award include *God Speaks into Darkness* (Easterling), *How to Live from Your Heart* (Hucknall), *Jesus Is Still Passing By* (Easterling), *Of God, Rattlesnakes, and Okra* (Easterling). We prefer to submit this book for authors.

**February deadlines**

American Bookfest (see September) early bird fee of $9 has February deadline.

Georgia Writers Book Awards. Authors living in Georgia now or who have lived in Georgia anytime in the past. $60. New publication; must have been published between January and December of the previous year. [Georgia Author of the Year Awards](https://www.authoroftheyear.org/)

IPPY Awards. $95. Books copyrighted 2021-2023. A special category is the Living Now award, where two of the MSI Press books have fared quite well: *108 Yoga and Self-Care Practices for Busy Mamas* (Gentile, bronze) and *The Marriage Whisperer* (Pickett, gold). [GUIDELINES (ippyawards.com)](https://ippyawards.com/66/guidelines)

Nautilus Book Awards. $170-$190. Published in English 2021-2022. Values for judging: conscious living and sustainability, spiritual growth, health & wellness, social change & social justice. [Entry Guidelines – Nautilus Book Awards](https://nautilusbookawards.com/entryguidelines/)

Next Generation Indie Book Awards. $75. Books published in 2021, 2022, 2023. Books must be received by Feb 10. [Next Generation Indie Book Awards - Welcome](https://indiebookawards.com/).

**March deadlines**

London Book Festival. $50. Published 2020 and later. English, Spanish. [2023 London Book Festival Call for Entries (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/75743e226cd1/2023-london-book-festival-call-for-entries-13861362?e=5de3cb916e)

Los Angeles Book Festival. $50. There does not appear to be any limitations on date of publication. [2023 Los Angeles Book Festival Call for Entries (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/ada25464dab7/2023-los-angeles-book-festival-call-for-entries-13862534?e=5de3cb916e).

National Indie Excellence Award. $75. No backlisted books; all must be available through a distributor (all MSI Press books that have not been backlisted qualify). No limits on publication date. MSI Press winner: *Weekly Soul* (Craigie). [Rules & Guidelines | National Indie Excellence Awards | United States](https://www.indieexcellence.com/rules-guidelines)

New York City Big Book Awards. $99. Books published within last three years. [The Best Books | NYC Big Book Award | United States](https://www.nycbigbookaward.com/)

**April deadlines**

Pinnacle Book Achievement Award. $50 (must be a member of NABE; otherwise, $90; MSI Press is a member of NABE). Current year, but awarded quarterly. MSI books that have won this award include God Speaks into Darkness (Easterling), *Jesus Is Still Passing By* (Easterling), *Of God, Rattlesnakes, and Okra* (Easterling). We prefer to submit this book for authors and will split the cost. [Pinnacle Book Achievement Awards Entry Form (bookmarketingprofits.com)](https://www.bookmarketingprofits.com/PinnacleBookEntryFormE.html)

Readers’ Favorite. Combine with a review for best bang for the buck. MSI Press awardees: *Clean Your Plate!* (Bayardelle, finalist), *Road Map to Power* (Husain & Husain, bronze), *Soccer Is Fun without Parents* (Jonas, bronze). [Annual Book Award Contest - Readers' Favorite: Book Reviews and Award Contest (readersfavorite.com)](https://readersfavorite.com/annual-book-award-contest.htm)

**May deadlines**

Beach Book Festival. $50. Accepts bundled entries for other festivals sponsored by JM Northern Media. [\*\* www.newyorkbookfestival.com \*\*](http://newyorkbookfestival.com/)

National Book Awards. $135. This is a very competitive and prestigious competition. Books must be submitted by publishers. We will consider and submit those we think have a chance of winning the award – those books minimally with mostly 5-star ratings (preferably at least a dozen) that have won lesser awards already, been recommended by both MidWest Book Review and US Review of Books. [Deadlines & Guidelines - National Book Foundation](https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/submissions/)

San Francisco Book Festival. $50. No date of publication restriction. [San Francisco Book Festival](http://sanfranciscobookfestival.com/enter.html)

**June deadlines**

New York Book Festival. $50. Accepts bundled entries for other festivals sponsored by JM Northern Media. [\*\* www.newyorkbookfestival.com \*\*](http://newyorkbookfestival.com/)

**July deadlines**

Hollywood Book Festival. MSI Press awardees: *A Movie Lover’s Search for Romance* (Charnas, honorable mention), *Good Blood* (Schaffer, silver-spiritual; honorable mention-historical), *One Simple Text* (Shaw & Brown, honorable mention), and *Tucker & Me* (Harvey, honorable mention).

Pinnacle Book Achievement Award. $50 (must be a member of NABE; otherwise, $90; MSI Press is a member of NABE). Current year, but awarded quarterly. MSI books that have won this award include God Speaks into Darkness (Easterling), *Jesus Is Still Passing By* (Easterling), *Of God, Rattlesnakes, and Okra* (Easterling). We prefer to submit this book for authors.

**August deadlines**

Independent Authors Network (IAN) Book of the Year award. $49. MSI Press winner: *I Love My Kids, But I Don’t Always Like Them* (F. Bagdade). [Book of the Year Awards Contest - The Independent Author Network](https://www.independentauthornetwork.com/book-of-the-year.html)

Kops-Fetherling International Books Awards. It is not clear whether there will be a competition in 2023. Check the website. Previously, the fee was $75 and the deadline in August. MSI Press awardees: *10 Quick Homework Tips* (McKinley Alder & Trombly, gold), *How My Cat Made Me a Better Man* (Feig, legacy award), *How to Live you’re your Heart* (Hucknall, legacy award), *How to Stay Calm in Chaos* (Gentile, honorable mention), *Noah’s New Puppy* (R. Rice, V. Rice & Henderson, honorable mention), *One Simple Text* (Shaw & Brown, legacy award), *Rainstorm of Tomorrow* (Dong, silver), *Soccer Is Fun without Parents* (Jonas, legacy award), *RV Oopsies* (MacDonald, legacy award), *Understanding the Challenge of “No” for Children with Autism* (McKinley, legacy award), *Weekly Soul* (Craigie, honorable mention), *When You’re Shoved from the Right, Look to Your Left* (O. Imady, legacy award), *Women, We’re Only Old Once* (Cooper, Phoenix Award for best new voice). [Kops-Fetherling International Book Awards – Official Site of the Kops-Fetherling International Book Awards (kfbookawards.com)](https://kfbookawards.com/)

Paris Book Festival.$50. Accepts bundled entries for other festivals sponsored by JM Northern Media. MSI Press silver award winner: *Good Blood* (Schaffer). \*\* www.newyorkbookfestival.com \*\*

**September deadline**

American Book Fest Best Books Awards. Early entry fee ends February 28; thereafter $89. Publication dates 21-23; legacy category 2010-2020. MSI Press awardees: *Anxiety Anonymous* (Ortman, finalist), *God Speaks into Darkness* (Easterling, finalist), *How to Live from Your Heart* (Hucknall, finalist), *Living Well with Chronic Illness* (Charnas, finalist), *One Family: Indivisible* (Greenebaum, finalist), *Travels with Elly* (MacDonald, finalist), *Weekly Soul* (Craigie, finalist). [American Book Fest](http://americanbookfest.com/2023bestbookawards.html)

Best Indie Book Award (BIBA). $55. English. This is a great award program for one very important reason: every time someone tweets a notice that includes a BIBA book, BIBA retweets it to its very large network, which provides a lot of exposure that is otherwise difficult to get. MSI Press BIBA recipients: *A Theology for the Rest of Us* (Yavelberg), *Andrew’s Awesome Adventures with His ADHD Brain* (Wilcox & Wilcox), *Harnessing the Power of Grief* (Potter), *Women. We’re Only Old Once* (Cooper). [Enter Your Book | 2022 Best Indie Book Awards](https://bestindiebookaward.com/submit/product/best-indie-book-award-entry/?msclkid=4d4f3cbf7bcb1704e2f55f7e72f05e16)

Colorado Book Awards. Colorado residents only. Books published previous year. $53 and 7 copies of the book. Link available only after September 17.

Pencraft Book Awards. Cost $65 (free with the purchase of a review). Deadline: September 2023 but can enter any time prior to that; books will also be entered into seasonal competitions as well. Publication dates: last two years. [PenCraft Award Submission form for fiction, non-fiction, audio books, e-books.](https://www.pencraftaward.com/authors-support/contest-entry-form/)

**October deadlines**

Pinnacle Book Achievement Award. $50 (must be a member of NABE; otherwise, $90; MSI Press is a member of NABE). Current year, but awarded quarterly. MSI books that have won this award include *God Speaks into Darkness* (Easterling), *How to Live from Your Heart* (Hucknall), *Jesus Is Still Passing By* (Easterling), *Of God, Rattlesnakes, and Okra* (Easterling). We prefer to submit this book for authors.

**November deadlines**

Christopher Awards.Christopher Awards are hard to get. The entry, due in November, is free, but publishers have to enter the books. There is a narrow range of book topics that are acceptable. We will enter all those that apply on behalf of the authors and have done so in the past.

**December deadlines**

Book Excellence Awards. $149. No limitation on year of publication. MSI Press finalists: *100 Tips and Tools for Managing Chronic Illness* (Charnas), *108 Yoga and Self-Care Practices for Busy Mamas* (Gentile, finalist), *A Movie Lover’s Search for Romance* (Charnas, finalist), *Good Blood* (Schaffer), *Healing from Incest* (Henderson), *How to Live from Your Heart* (Hucknall). [Home - Book Excellence Awards](https://bookexcellenceawards.com/)

Book of the Year/IndieFab (Foreword Reviews). $79-$99, depending on how early the book is submitted. Eligibility restricted to current year for publication release. MSI Press books have placed in the Book of the Year competition nearly every year since 2012: *Anger Anonymous* (Ortman), *Depression Anonymous* (Ortman), *Gospel of Damascus* (O. Imady), *Healing from Incest* (Henderson), *How My Cat Made Me a Better Man* (Feig), *How to Live from Your Heart* (Hucknall), *The Seven Wisdoms of Life* (Tubali), *The Widower’s Guide to a New Life* (Romer), *Weekly Soul* (Craigie). We prefer to submit this book for you. Order the submission here and take the 40% author discount (ad40 coupon code).

IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award. Books with copyright dates of 2023. For first-time authors. $95 for members (therefore, we will need to submit for you); $229 for non-members. One MSI Press author received this award for a first-book that she published prior to publishing with MSI Press. Only one other author has entered to date; she received very high scores but not an award. The feedback is unusual and helpful. [How to Enter | IBPA Book Award (ibpabenjaminfranklinaward.com)](https://www.ibpabenjaminfranklinaward.com/how-to-enter)

Reader Views Literary Awards. Books with copyright date of 2023. Includes a review. $89 if entered before October 31; $99 thereafter. MSI Press awardees: *Choice and Structure for Children with Autism* (McNeil, gold-education, silver-p arenting), *Rainstorm of Tomorrow* (Dong, silver), *Understanding the Challenge of “No” for Children with Autism* (McNeil, silver), *Weekly Soul* (Craigie, silver-mind/body/spirit, silver-religion). [Reader Views Literary Awards](https://www.readerviews.com/literaryawards/#1599938456752-247fc293-7917)

The Independent Press Book Award. $125. December 31. [Book Award Rules (independentpressaward.com)](https://www.independentpressaward.com/award-rules). MSI Press awardee: Women, We’re Only Old Once (Cooper)

**Dates not yet announced**

New England Book Festival. MSI Press awardee: *Typhoon Honey* (Girrell & Sjogren). [New England Book Festival (brinkster.net)](http://parisbookfest.brinkster.net/NE/)

**Rolling/iterative deadlines**

Elite Choice Awards. No deadline. Publication after 2010. Not a competition but an evaluation. $99. They accept only e-books and take either epub or mobi files so we will need to send them in for you. [Guidelines - Elite Choice Awards](https://elitechoiceawards.com/guidelines/)

Literary Titan (automatic entry with book review). $65. Literary Titan also prepares book trailers and has a small advertising program. MSI Press awardees: *A Theology for the Rest of Us* (Yavelberg), *Andrew’s Awesome Adventures with His ADHD Brain* (Wilcox & Wilcox), *Clean Your Plate!* (Bayardelle), *I Love My Kids, But I Don’t Always Like Them* (F. Bagdade), *Parenting in a Pandemic* (Bayardelle), *Rainstorm of Tomorrow* (Dong), *Surviving Cancer, Healing People: One Cat’s Story* (Sula), *Surviving Freshman Year* (Jones). [LITERARY TITAN | Connecting Authors and Readers](https://literarytitan.com/). Note: MSI will share the cost of the book review/contest entry; use author discount code for 40% reduced fee from the webstore: [MSI Author Services LTITAN - MSI Press MSI Press](https://msipress.com/product/msi-author-services-ltitan/).

**USA Best Books Awards**

This competition is now combined with the American Book Fest. It had a 5-month advertising component that, alas, is not part of the American Book Fest. MSI Press awardees: *Creative Aging* (Vassiliadis & Romer, finalist), *The Seven Wisdoms of Life* (Tubali, finalist),

**Book Award Pro**

Automatically connects the most appropriate award of more than 8000 in the BAP database to author-entered book characteristics (only need to enter once for multiple matches over time). There are free (you initiate the search and send the book in on your own) and paid (they initiate the search and send the book in for you) options. MSI Press is a partner so please let us know if you sign up. [https://msipress.awardmatch.com](https://msipress.awardmatch.com/)

**How Book Award Contetsts Stack Up**

If you are looking for criteria to decide on which book competition to enter, Book Award Pro’s evaluation of a large number of the contests available can be found here: [Book Award & Contest Ratings — Self-Publishing Advice Center from the Alliance of Independent Authors (selfpublishingadvice.org)](https://selfpublishingadvice.org/author-awards-contests-rated-reviewed/). Be aware that this document is aimed more toward the self-published author than those published by a commercial press (like us). Therefore, some of the “con”s, such as “must have an ISBN” or “must be available for purchase,” are not applicable to your books.

**Lists of Book Awards**[List of Book Awards Contests (Updated 2022) - TCK Publishing](https://www.tckpublishing.com/book-awards-contests/)

[40 Top Book Awards for Authors in 2023 - Book-publicist.com Blog](https://book-publicist.com/top-book-awards-for-authors/)

[Publishers Archive: Literary Contests - Christian Writing and Books](https://publishersarchive.com/christian-book-awards)

[New Pages](https://www.newpages.com/submission-opportunities/writing-contests/)