

HAWAI'I BOOK PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION  
*announces the*  
2017 Ka Palapala Po'okela

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The Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards are given biannually by the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association (HBPA) to recognize the finest books published in Hawai'i and to honor individuals involved in their creation. HBPA sponsors these awards as part of its public outreach effort to enhance the recognition of book publishing as an industry in Hawai'i and support local literacy. The term "Ka Palapala Po'okela" can be translated from Hawaiian to mean "excellent or exemplary manuscript."

Nominees are customarily judged in twelve categories of excellence. In each category, two honors may be given—an Honorable Mention and the Award of Excellence—as determined by the votes of adjudicators specially-selected for their expertise in a particular category's subject matter, genre conventions, target audience, etc. Each category of excellence will be judged by a committee of three adjudicators as appointed by the HBPA.

While the awards are primarily designed to honor Hawai'i's regional publishing, a special "Aloha from Across the Sea" award recognizes excellence in books about Hawai'i or with a Hawaiian theme that are published outside of the state.

Two additional trophy awards may also be presented by the HBPA membership: the Samuel M. Kamakau Award, given for the overall Hawai'i Book of the Year, selected from the category Award of Excellence winners, and the John Dominis Holt Award, given to an individual for an extended history of Excellence in Hawai'i Book Publishing.

**Entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 17, 2017.** Books displaying a 2015 or 2016 copyright date published by a Hawai'i publisher may be nominated for the selected award category/categories. Publishers from outside the state of Hawai'i may nominate their book(s) about Hawai'i or with a Hawaiian theme for the "Aloha" award only.

Entries must be bound books, with an assigned ISBN number, of at least 50 pages in length – except children's books or poetry volumes. Periodicals are not eligible. All Hawai'i-based publishers are eligible to nominate books for all awards except the "Aloha" award. Nominating publishers do not have to be HBPA members.

Entry fees are \$50 per nominated book or individual, per category for HBPA members, and \$75 per nominated book or individual, per category for non-HBPA members. The entry fee for publishers outside the state of Hawai'i nominating for the "Aloha from Across the Sea" award is \$125. Three copies of each nominated book are required for each category entered, as well as a disc with a 300 dpi, 4 x 6 inch, color jpeg of the book's cover. **If a book is to be entered into more than one award category, a separate nomination form, entry fee, and three copies of the nominated book are required for each nomination. An additional copy of each nominated book is also requested for a special display at the Hawai'i State Library during the award adjudication period. The display set will be donated to the library following award ceremony in the spring of 2017.**

For example, a book nominated by a publisher in two different categories would require a total of seven copies for entry (three copies for each category adjudicating committee and one for the Hawai'i State Library display set). Entries will not be returned.

Judging will be completed from February through April. Award presentations will be made at a special ceremony tentatively planned for May. More information on the award presentation ceremony will be made available on the HPBA website at [www.hawaiipublishers.org](http://www.hawaiipublishers.org).

**HBPA will not notify nominees of their entries. It is the responsibility of the nominating publisher to notify their nominees.**

Mail or books, nomination forms and payment to:

Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards  
c/o Ron Cox  
Kamehameha Publishing  
1887 Makuakāne Street  
Pauahi Admin Bldg., Ste. 211  
Honolulu, HI 96817

Make checks payable to: Hawai'i Book Publishers Association. Note: Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards

For more information call (808) 842-8190, or email: [rocox@ksbe.edu](mailto:rocox@ksbe.edu).

**Please note:** The Ka Palapala Po'okela award name and logo are registered to and may not be used without permission from the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association. Winners agree to allow their books, names, titles, and/or photographs to be used in promoting Hawai'i book publishing, the awards program, and HBPA, or in individual publisher advertising.

HBPA reserves the right to move entries among the award categories as well as merge categories as necessary and appropriate in a given year, and may choose to withhold presenting one or both honors in a category on the advisement of a category's adjudicating panel at the discretion of the HBPA's Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards committee. Decisions of the awards committee are final.

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Award categories ask for book nominations as well as individual nominations. On the nomination form, please indicate the nomination category and list the appropriate persons who contributed to the book project and, if the book were to win, should receive an award certificate. (Please note that the awards committee has the authority to change selected entry categories and/or to merge categories at its discretion). Winners will be determined by the votes of specially-selected adjudicators chosen by the HBPA for their expertise in a category's subject matter, genre conventions, intended audience, etc.

**1. Excellence in Children's Hawaiian Culture**

Books for young readers in which Hawaiian cultural traditions and perspectives are central to the presentation.

**2. Excellence in Children's Literature**

Books for young readers including both fiction and nonfiction

**3. Excellence in Hawaiian Language, Culture & History**

Books reflecting Hawaiian language, culture and history.

**4. Excellence in Literature**

Books of fiction (novels), essays, stories, or poetry

**5. Excellence in Illustrative or Photographic Books**

Books where illustrations or photographs are the essence of the presentation

**6. Excellence in Natural Science**

Books reflecting nature, plants, animals, the earth, oceans, the sky, etc.

**7. Excellence in Text or Reference Books**

Books intended specifically as textbooks or reference books

**8. Excellence in Cookbooks**

Books reflecting food preparation and/or the culinary arts

**9. Excellence in Special-Interest Books**

Books reflecting humor, trivia, hobbies, sports, or recreation (including how-to books and travel guides)

**10. Excellence in Nonfiction Books**

Books reflecting (but not restricted to) history, biography, autobiography, science (other than natural science), geography or language

**11. Excellence in Design**

(Nominate an individual person, persons or company)

Books where the design (including, but not limited to, text and/or illustration presentation and/or cover presentation) is deserving of special recognition

**12. Excellence in "Aloha from Across the Sea"**

Books with Hawai'i or Hawaiian themes from publishers outside of Hawai'i

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**N O M I N A T I O N F O R M**

Nomination Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Design Nominee (if selected category is #12 Excellence in Design): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Author(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Illustrator(s)/Photographer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Publishing Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Copyright Date: 2015 or 2016 (circle appropriate choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Cloth or Paper: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Size (Width x Height): \_\_\_\_\_

ISBN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Special Merits of Nomination (Required):  
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Three copies of each nominated title per category entered, a disc with 300 dpi, 4 x 6 inch, color jpeg(s) of the book cover(s), and payment should be included with your nomination forms. An additional copy of each book entered is also requested for display at the Hawai'i State Library. Publishers entering more than one title may include cover images for all entries on one disc. Photocopies of this form are acceptable for multiple nominees. Please combine multiple fees into one check payment. Make checks payable to Hawai'i Book Publishers Association, note "Ka Palapala Po'okela Awards."

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