



THE DAVID RAFFELOCK AWARD FOR PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE

OPENS: JANUARY 1 annually

DEADLINE: MAY 15 annually

Sponsored by the National Writers Association

ELIGIBILITY:

All books with a previous year's copyright date are eligible to enter. Both self-published and royalty published books, fiction (in all genres) and nonfiction whether for children or adults are eligible for this award. Entries may be submitted by authors, agents and publishers. If the author or agent submits a royalty published book, the author is responsible for informing the publisher the book has been entered in the contest.

PRIZE AWARD:

One prize valued at \$5,000 will be awarded to the first place winner of the David Raffelock Award for Publishing Excellence. The award will include a trophy and the services of a book promotions and publicity firm for scheduling media appearances during tour dates (tentatively scheduled for October or November, book signings, and an author book tour. Airfare for travel to three major cities (currently set for Los Angeles, New York City and Chicago) will be provided as part of the award. If the number of entries exceeds 400, hotel rooms will also be provided.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Winning author must be available to receive the award at the National Writers Association Foundation Workshop in Denver, CO and to sign copies of the winning books at a special book signing scheduled for June.
2. The National Writers Association will take every reasonable precaution to insure the book's condition, but is not responsible for material lost by the U.S. Postal System or damaged during judging.
3. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older before the May deadline.
4. The author must be available to travel during the time period when book signings and other promotional events have been scheduled.
5. The National Writers Association reserves the right to use the winner's name and likeness in any future publicity or promotions regarding this contest.
6. The author understands that National Writers Association has the option of canceling the contest and returning the material unjudged with refund for entry fee, if the number of entries does not exceed 100.
7. The author further understands that he/she is responsible for the cost of hotel room, unless the number of entries reaches 400 at which time the cost of hotels will be assumed by National Writers Association.
8. The author understands that only published books are eligible for this contest. Unpublished manuscripts should be entered in the NWA Novel Contest or the NWA Nonfiction Contest.
9. Books will not be returned without proper postage. Proper postage shall be considered as a stamped, self-addressed envelope -- undated postage strips may be used, however dated postage is refused by the Post Office.
10. Judging sheets will be forwarded to contestants who include an SASE.
11. All decisions of the judges are final.
12. Judges reserve the right to withhold prize if entries are not of suitable quality.
13. Members or employees of NWA or board of directors are not eligible to enter.
14. Judges will be chosen from independent editors who have no relationship to any of the contest entries.
15. Written confirmation will be given to non-winners after June 15 annually.

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PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST:

The purpose of this Contest is assist published authors in marketing their works and promotion and to reward outstanding published works.

CONTEST RULES:

All types of books may be entered. All entries must be postmarked by May 15. Only published books in the English language may be submitted.

The entry must be accompanied by entry form (photocopies are acceptable), entry fee of \$100 per submission, and return SASE if you wish the book and rating sheets returned. **SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DONATED TO A SUITABLE CHARITY, IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY SASE** The U.S. Postal Service will not allow us to use your metered postage unless it is undated. Receipt of entry will not be acknowledged without a return postcard.

JUDGING AND PRIZES:

Judging will be based on presentation, marketability, reader interest, design, layout, accuracy, uniqueness, content, and style. Copies of the judges evaluation sheets will be sent to entrants furnishing an SASE with their entry. Awards will be presented at the NWAFF Conference. 1st Prize -- A book promotion tour including airfare and publicity, valued at \$5,000. If a sufficient number of entries are received, tour will also include hotel rooms. Second through fifth places will receive a certificate of merit.

ENTRY FEE AND CRITIQUES

The entry fee per submission is \$100. Entry fees are used to pay judges and prize money.

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Entry #_____

Date_____

National Writers Assn.

Amt_____

P.O. Box 607

RP_____Y_____N

Parker, CO 80134

Please enter the enclosed entry (title)_____ in the DAVID RAFFELOCK PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE AWARD.

____My entry fee \$100 is enclosed.

____Please charge my ____Mastercard ____Visa #_____

Exp. date_____ CVV#_____

NAME(PLEASE PRINT)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY,STATE, ZIP_____

TELEPHONE #_____

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this award.

Signature_____