

[Press Release]- CALIBA Announces Golden Poppy Award Winners for 2024
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The California Independent Booksellers Alliance (CALIBA) announced the 2024 Golden Poppy Award winners with a Virtual Ceremony last night. The Golden Poppy Awards recognize the most distinguished books written and illustrated by creators who have made California their home. The books are chosen by committees made up of CALIBA bookstore members and voted on by California independent booksellers.

The host for the 2024 Golden Poppy Awards was best-selling author and 2022 Golden Poppy Award winner, Joanna Ho! Joanna introduced each committee chair who, in turn, introduced the winning author(s) for their category. The 2024 Golden Poppy Award Winners are:

- **Fiction Award Winner:** Percival Everett - JAMES
- **Nonfiction Award Winner:** Kathleen Hanna - REBEL GIRL: MY LIFE AS A FEMINIST PUNK
- **Mystery Award Winner:** Amy Tintera - LISTEN FOR THE LIE
- **Poetry Award Winner:** Leila Mottley - WOKE UP NO LIGHT
- **Octavia E. Butler Award: Sci Fi/Fantasy/Horror Winner:** Caro de Robertis - THE PALACE OF EROS
- **Romance Award Winner:** Yulin Kuang - HOW TO END A LOVE STORY
- **Martin Cruz Smith Award: Emerging Diverse Voices Winner:** Tomas Moniz - ALL FRIENDS ARE NECESSARY
- **Glenn Goldman Award: California Lifestyle Winner:** John King - PORTAL: SAN FRANCISCO'S FERRY BUILDING AND THE REINVENTION OF AMERICAN CITIES
- **Glenn Goldman Award: Cooking Winner:** Micah Siva - NOSH: PLANT-FORWARD RECIPES CELEBRATING MODERN JEWISH CUISINE
- **Picture Book Award Winner:** Deborah Underwood and LeUyen Pham (illustrator) - THE MAN WHO DIDN'T LIKE ANIMALS
- **Middle Grade Award Winner:** Gennifer Choldenko - THE TENTH MISTAKE OF HANK HOOPERMAN
- **Young Adult Award Winner:** Randy Ribay - EVERYTHING WE NEVER HAD
- **Children's Nonfiction Winner:** George Takei and Michelle Lee (illustrator) - MY LOST FREEDOM: A JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR HISTORY
- **Children's Nonfiction Winner:** Rex Ogle - ROAD HOME
- **Mirrors and Windows: Excellence in Children's Literature Winner:** Natasha Tripplett and Daniel J. O'Brien - JUNETEENTH IS

This year's awards were marked by the devastating fires in Southern California. Originally scheduled for January 31st, the award ceremony was pushed back to March 6th in order to give space for the booksellers, authors, illustrators, and publishers reeling from the life-changing event. In response, CALIBA partnered with The Book Industry Charitable (BINC) Foundation to create The Golden Poppy Wildfire Fundraiser for BINC to raise funds that will directly assist booksellers affected by the fires. Over a thousand dollars was raised during the event, kicked off by a generous offer by a CALIBA bookseller to match the first \$250. CALIBA thanks everyone who has donated so far. The Fundraiser is still live and runs through Sunday, March 9th. Donation link: [here](#).

CALIBA congratulates this year's amazing group of winners and finalists for the 2024 Golden Poppy Awards. Link to the Golden Poppy Awards 2024 Website: [here](#).

Submissions for Golden Poppy Awards 2025 will open later this month.
