Library of Virginia Announces Finalists for the 19th Annual Literary Awards
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Nine authors are the finalists for the Library of Virginia’s 19th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards honoring Virginia authors or, in the case of nonfiction, works on a Virginia subject. The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from 196 books nominated for the awards. The winners in each category will be selected from among these finalists and announced at a gala celebration on October 15, 2016, at the Library of Virginia.

Poetry
• Impossible Bottle Claudia Emerson
• Little Anodynes Jon Pineda
• The Regret Histories Joshua Poteat

Emyl Jenkins Sexton Literary Award for Fiction
• The Fall of Princes Robert Goolrick
• This Angel on My Chest Leslie Pietrzyk
• The Shore Sara Taylor

Nonfiction
• Twisted: My Dreadlock Chronicles Bert Ashe
• Madison’s Hand: Revising the Constitutional Convention Mary Sarah Bilder
• Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County Kristen Green

The Library of Virginia’s annual literary awards were first given in 1998 to recognize the best books published the previous year by Virginia authors or on a Virginia theme. The winners in each of the three categories receive a monetary prize of $2,500.

The winners of the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awards will be announced on Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the 19th Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors & Friends. This gala event, sponsored by Dominion, attracts authors, publishers, and those who enjoy the written word. Award-winning author Adriana Trigiani will again serve as host for this event. As previously announced, Nikki Giovanni will be honored this year as the recipient of the Literary Lifetime Achievement Award.

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