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Library of Virginia Announces Finalists and Featured Speaker for the 22nd Annual Literary Awards

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(Richmond, Virginia) – Ten authors are the finalists for the Library of Virginia’s 22nd Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. The finalists were chosen by an independent panel of judges from more than 120 books nominated for the awards. The winner in each category will be selected from among these finalists and announced at a gala celebration at the Library of Virginia on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

The 2019 Library of Virginia Literary Award finalists are:

FICTION FINALISTS

JAMES A. MCLAUGHLIN | *Bearskin*

JON PINEDA | *Let’s No One Get Hurt*

TIM POLAND | *Yellow Stonefly*

NONFICTION FINALISTS

MARGARET EDDS | *We Face the Dawn: Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson, and the Legal Team That Dismantled Jim Crow*

CATHERINE KERRISON | *Jefferson’s Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America*

BETH MACY | *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company That Addicted America*

POETRY FINALISTS

MICHAEL CHITWOOD | *Search & Rescue*

CLAUDIA EMERSON | *Claude Before Time and Space*

BOB HICOK | *Hold*

ERIKA MEITNER | *Holy Moly Carry Me*

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The finalists for the Library's **People's Choice Awards** for fiction and nonfiction were announced in a previous news release (www.lva.virginia.gov/news/press/People'sChoiceAwardsFinalists2019.pdf).

"The commonwealth of Virginia is home to many talented writers whose work inspires and informs readers across the world," said Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway. "The Library's annual Literary Awards Celebration is such a joyous way to honor their amazing work and to introduce them to new audiences."

The winners of the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awards—as well as the People's Choice Awards—will be announced on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at the 22nd Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors & Friends. This gala event, sponsored by Dominion Energy, attracts Library supporters, authors, publishers, and those who enjoy the written word. Award-winning Virginia author Adriana Trigiani will again serve as host for the evening.

The evening's featured speaker will spotlight Virginia's culinary traditions, which can be seen in Library's impressive collection of cookbooks and related ephemera. **Brian Noyes**, noted cookbook author, owner of Red Truck Bakery, and former *Washington Post* art director, has recently released the *Red Truck Bakery Cookbook*, offering 85 nostalgic recipes for cookies, cakes, pies, and more to make every day delicious—from breakfast to dessert. The Red Truck Bakery opened in Warrenton, Virginia, in 2009, and outstanding reviews from national publications soon followed. *Saveur* magazine saluted the bakery in its Top 100 issue, *Travel + Leisure* called the Red Truck "one of the best small-town bakeries in America," and *Condé Nast Traveler* named it one of "America's 13 Sweetest Bakery Destinations." For more information, visit redtruckbakery.com.

For sponsorship or ticket information for the 22nd Annual Library of Virginia Awards Celebration Honoring Virginia Authors & Friends, please call 804.692.3813.

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