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Cast Your Vote for the 14th Annual People's Choice Awards

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(Richmond, Virginia) – The Library of Virginia is pleased to sponsor the 14th Annual People's Choice Awards. Finalists in fiction and nonfiction were selected by Virginia librarians and independent booksellers. Awards are given for the best books by Virginia authors published in the past year. For nonfiction, books on a Virginia subject are also eligible.

The winners will be chosen by votes from the public from among five finalists in each category. Readers may vote online at the Library of Virginia's website (www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/vote_2017.htm) and by paper ballot available on the website. Voting runs from now through **July 15, 2017**.

This year's **fiction** finalists for the People's Choice Awards are:

Nine Island JANE ALISON

The Stargazer's Sister CARRIE BROWN

The Whistler JOHN GRISHAM

Glory Over Everything KATHLEEN GRISSOM

As Close to Us as Breathing ELIZABETH POLINER

This year's **nonfiction** finalists for the People's Choice Awards are:

The Genius of Birds JENNIFER ACKERMAN

Truevine BETH MACY

Washington's Immortals PATRICK K. O'DONNELL

Hidden Figures MARGOT LEE SHETTERLY

Dimestore: A Writer's Life LEE SMITH

The winners will be recognized on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the 20th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration presented by Dominion Energy. Each winner will receive an engraved crystal book and a monetary prize of \$2,500. For awards ceremony ticket information, please visit www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/index.htm.

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