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Cast Your Vote for the 15th Annual People's Choice Awards

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(Richmond, Virginia) – The Library of Virginia is pleased to sponsor the 15th 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 (<http://bit.ly/LVAPeoplesChoice>). Voting runs from now through **July 15, 2018**.

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

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| <i>Love Big, Be Well: Letters to a Small-Town Church</i> | WINN COLLIER |
| <i>Say Nothing</i> | BRAD PARKS |
| <i>The War Bride’s Scrapbook: A Novel in Pictures</i> | CAROLINE PRESTON |
| <i>Best Intentions</i> | ERIKA RASKIN |
| <i>If the Creek Don’t Rise</i> | LEAH WEISS |

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

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| <i>The Dooleys of Richmond: An Irish Immigrant Family in the Old and New South</i> | MARY LYNN BAYLISS |
| <i>Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge</i> | ERICA ARMSTRONG DUNBAR |
| <i>An American Family: A Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice</i> | KHIZR KHAN |
| <i>Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty</i> | JON KUKLA |
| <i>Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II</i> | LIZA MUNDY |

The winners will be recognized on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the 21st 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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