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2021 Library of Virginia Literary Awards Nominations Due February 10 **The awards honor Virginia authors and works on Virginia subjects**

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(Richmond, Virginia) – Now is your chance to nominate books for the 2021 Library of Virginia Literary Awards. The deadline for all nominations is Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Books eligible for the awards must have been written by a Virginia author or, in the case of nonfiction, cover a Virginia subject. A Virginia author is defined as a writer meeting one or more of the following qualifications: a native-born Virginian, an author living in Virginia, or an author whose permanent home address is in Virginia.

Past honorees include David Baldacci, Rita Dove, Nikki Giovanni, Annette Gordon-Reed, John Grisham, Dean King, Barbara Kingsolver, Margot Lee Shetterly, Lee Smith, Tom Wolfe, and Charles Wright.

Entries may be submitted in the following categories: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Reference works, anthologies, documentary editions, children's and juvenile literature, photographic books, self-help books, and "how-to" books are not eligible for this award. Entries for the 2021 awards must have been published and distributed between January 1 and December 31, 2020. Four copies must be submitted for each book nominated.

Entry forms are due by Wednesday, February 10, 2021, and may be submitted online at www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/nominate.asp. You may also print and complete the nomination form and mail it to:

Library of Virginia Literary Awards
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219-8000

Those chosen as finalists will be notified this summer and all nominees will be notified about their status by August 1, 2021.

Finalists and winners will be honored at the Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration on October 16, 2021. Winners in each category receive a monetary prize of \$2,500 and a handsome engraved crystal book. For a full list of past finalists and winners, visit www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/winners.htm. For more information about the Library's Literary Awards program, please call 804.692.3535.

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The Library of Virginia is the state's oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia's history and culture. Our online offerings attract nearly 4 million website visits per year, and our resources, exhibitions, and events bring in more than 100,000 visitors each year. The Library's collections, containing more than 129 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens.

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