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Cast Your Vote for the Library of Virginia's 19th Annual People's Choice Awards

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – The Library of Virginia has announced 14 finalists for the 19th Annual [People's Choice Awards](#). The finalists represent the most-requested fiction and nonfiction titles by Virginia authors, or about the commonwealth, published in 2021. Winners will be announced at the 25th Annual Literary Awards Celebration on Oct. 15, 2022.

The general public is invited to select the winners. Voting begins on **JULY 15** and runs through **AUG. 31, 2022**. Individuals can vote online at the Library of Virginia's website at <https://bit.ly/LVAPC22>.

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

Title and Author

Razorblade Tears: A Novel | S. A. COSBY

Yellow Wife: A Novel | SADEQA JOHNSON

My Monticello: Fiction | JOCELYN NICOLE JOHNSON

Rhapsody: A Novel | MITCHELL JAMES KAPLAN

The Mother Next Door | TARA LASKOWSKI

The Matzah Ball | JEAN MELTZER

All the Little Hopes: A Novel | LEAH WEISS

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

Title and Author

The Words That Made Us | AKHIL REED AMAR

Poe for Your Problems: Uncommon Advice from History's Least Likely Self-Help Guru | CATHERINE BAAB-MUGUIRA

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Going There | KATIE COURIC

*The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of the Women Who
Changed the Course of World War II* | MARI K. EDER

Liberty Is Sweet: The Hidden History of the American Revolution | WOODY HOLTON

Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy | NATHANIEL PHILBRICK

The Ledger and the Chain: How Domestic Slave Traders Shaped America | JOSHUA D. ROTHMAN

In addition to the award and distinguished recognition, winners in each category receive a monetary prize of \$2,500. For awards information and a list of past winners and finalists, please visit www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/index.htm.

About the Virginia Literary Awards:

Hosted by award-winning author Adriani Trigiani, the 25th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, with nominated authors, presenters, and special guests. This annual event, sponsored by Amazon and Dominion Energy, attracts all who enjoy the written word and support literature. The festivities kick off on Friday, Oct. 14 with the [Art in Literature: The Mary Lynn Kotz Award](#) at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

About the Library of Virginia:

The Library of Virginia is one of the oldest agencies of Virginia government, founded in 1823 to preserve and provide access to the state's incomparable printed and manuscript holdings. Its collection, which has grown steadily through the years, is the most comprehensive resource in the world for the study of Virginia history, culture, and government with over 130 million items in the collections. The Library also engages the public through in-person and virtual events, education programs, and online resources that reach nearly 4 million individuals each year throughout the commonwealth and beyond. Learn more at www.lva.virginia.gov.

About the Library of Virginia Foundation:

Founded in 1984, the Library of Virginia Foundation supports the Library of Virginia and its mission by raising private financial support, managing its endowment, and overseeing programming that brings Virginia's history and culture to life.

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