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## Cast Your Vote for the Library of Virginia’s 24th Annual Literary Awards Celebration People's Choice Awards

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**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA** – The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce the finalists for the People’s Choice Awards as part of its 24th Annual Literary Awards Celebration. The finalists represent the most-requested fiction and nonfiction titles by Virginia authors, or about the commonwealth, published in 2020. The winners are chosen by votes from the general public and will be announced at the Literary Awards Celebration on October 16, 2021. Individuals can vote online at the Library’s website at <https://bit.ly/LVAPC21>. Voting begins on **JULY 15** and runs through **AUGUST 31, 2021**. This year’s **fiction** finalists for the People’s Choice Awards are:

### Title and Author

<i>Daylight</i>	David Baldacci
<i>Florence Adler Swims Forever</i>	Rachel Beanland
<i>Blacktop Wasteland</i>	S. A. Cosby
<i>Crooked Hallelujah</i>	Kelli Jo Ford
<i>A Time for Mercy</i>	John Grisham
<i>The House in the Cerulean Sea</i>	TJ Klune

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

### Title and Author

<i>The Virginia Dynasty: Four Presidents and the Creation of the American Revolution</i>	Lynne Cheney
<i>You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington</i>	Alexis Coe
<i>Subtle Acts of Exclusion: How to Understand, Identify, and Stop Microaggressions</i>	Tiffany Jana & Michael Baran
<i>The Other Madisons: The Lost History of a President’s Black Family</i>	Bettye Kears
<i>First Principles: What America’s Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country</i>	Thomas E. Ricks
<i>The Captain</i>	David Wright & Anthony DiComo

Winners in each category will receive an engraved crystal book and 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](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/litawards/index.htm).

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**About the Library of Virginia Literary Awards:**

Hosted by award-winning author Adriana Trigiani, the Library of Virginia Literary Awards will be celebrated this year with a week of author conversations and special events beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Anchoring the week will be the Art in Literature: The Mary Lynn Kotz Award on Friday, October 15, and the Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration on Saturday, October 16, with nominated authors, presenters, and special guests. This annual event, sponsored by Dominion Energy, attracts all who enjoy the written word and support literature.

**About the Library of Virginia:**

## VISION

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

## MISSION

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and culture and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

**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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