

2018 James Beard Book Awards

Entry Deadline: 12/8/2017 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time

Eligibility Criteria

Cookbooks and other non-fiction food- or beverage-related books that were published in the U.S. between Jan. 1, 2017, to Dec. 31, 2017, are eligible to enter the 2018 James Beard Book Awards. Books from foreign publishers must bear a U.S. copyright date between Jan. 1, 2017, to Dec. 31, 2017. A book can only be entered into one category with the exception of photography. Books entered into any one category may also be entered for photography judging for an additional fee. See below for specific requirements:

Format: Books may be hardcover, softcover or digital. Digital books must be viewable across all devices, using freely downloadable software.

Language: Books must be published in English.

Content: All content must be original. Any quoted or compiled material must be properly attributed to the original source.

Revised Editions: Revised editions of previously published books must contain at least 50 percent new material. (When entering, please include a statement describing new content.)

Photography: Books entered into one of the 11 book categories may also be entered for photography judging for an additional \$25 fee. Books may not be submitted solely for photography judging.

Who May Submit: Books may be submitted by the editor, publisher, author, agent or other authorized person.

Books Not Eligible: Books specifically designed to market brand-name products or services, fiction books, cards and other novelties are not eligible.

Disqualifications and Book Committee Rights: The Book Committee reviews each entry to confirm copyright date and book category. If the U.S. copyright date does not fall within the stated timeframe, the book will be disqualified. If a book has been entered into the wrong category, the Book Committee reserves the right to assign the book to a more appropriate category.

Book Categories

American: Books with recipes focused on the cooking or foodways of regions or communities in the United States.

Baking and Desserts: Books with recipes focused on breads, pastries, desserts and other treats.

Beverage: Books with recipes focused on beverages, such as cocktails, beer, wine, spirits, coffee, tea or juices.

General: Books with recipes that address a broad scope of cooking, not just a single topic, technique or region.

Health and Special Diets: Books with recipes that focus on improving health and nutrition, or that address specific health issues, such as allergies or diabetes.

International: Books with recipes focused on food or cooking traditions of countries or regions outside of the United States.

Reference, History, and Scholarship: Includes manuals, guides, encyclopedias, culinary arts textbooks, and books that present research related to food, beverage, or foodways.

Restaurant and Professional: Books written by a culinary professional or restaurant chef with recipes that may include advanced cooking techniques, using specialty ingredients and professional equipment.

Single Subject: Books with recipes focused on a single or category of ingredients, a dish, or a method of cooking – such as lobster, seafood, grains, pasta, burgers, or canning. Exceptions: baking and desserts books, vegetable-focused books, health and special diets books, restaurant and professional books, and beverage books should be entered in those respective categories.

Vegetable-Focused Cooking: Books on vegetable cookery with recipes including vegetarian or vegan cooking.

Writing: Narrative nonfiction books including food and beverage memoirs, culinary tourism, investigative journalism, food advocacy, and critical analysis of food and foodways for a general audience.

Judging Process

Read this blog post about the judging process. <https://www.jamesbeard.org/blog/awards-watch-how-book-awards-are-judged?>

How to Submit

Print: Send 6 copies of each book. If you are entering the book for photography judging, send 7 copies of each book. Books cannot be returned.

Digital: Send 6 flash drives of each book. If you are entering the book for photography judging, send 7 flash drives of each book. Flash drives cannot be returned.

Entry form: Print your online entry confirmation and include with your shipment.

Entry deadline: Entries must be submitted by Dec. 8, 2017. Book shipments must arrive by Dec. 15, 2017.

Shipping Address:

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