

# BOOK AWARDS

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Cookbooks and other non-fiction food- or beverage-related books that were published in the U.S. between Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019, are eligible to enter the 2020 James Beard Book Awards. Books from foreign publishers must bear a U.S. copyright date between Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019. A book can be entered into only one category. For an additional \$25 fee, books may also be entered for photography judging. 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 may also be submitted for photography judging for an additional \$25 fee. Books may not be submitted solely for photography judging. A final PDF version of the book must be included for the photography judging.

### Who May Submit

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

**ENTRY  
DEADLINE:**

**12.01.2019  
11:59:00 PM  
Eastern Time**

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## 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

Choose the category that best applies.

### 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 with Recipes

Books focused on recipes for how to make beverages.

### Beverage without Recipes

Beverage-focused books and guides that either don't contain recipes or that may have minimal recipes but aren't recipe-centric.

### 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 related to health and nutrition, or that address specific health issues, such as allergies or diabetes.

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## **International**

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

## **Reference, History, and Scholarship**

Includes manuals, guides, encyclopedias, and books that present research related to food or foodways.

## **Restaurant and Professional**

Books written by a culinary professional or restaurant chef with recipes that may include advanced cooking techniques, use specialty ingredients, and require professional equipment. This includes culinary arts textbooks.

## **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 that feature recipes for how to prepare and serve vegetables and plant-based ingredients. Books may be vegetarian, vegan, or vegetable-focused with minimal reference to meats.

## **Writing**

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

## **JUDGING PROCESS**

There is a two-stage judging process. The first round of judging takes place in January. The highest scoring books (6-12 books per category, depending on the number of entries in a given category) advance to round two. For the books that contain recipes, judges will evaluate and test at least two recipes per book before submitting their final scores. The accounting firm then calculates the scores, which will determine the top-three finalists and the winners. Once the results are verified, finalists will be announced.

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## MEDALLION AND CERTIFICATE POLICY

Each winning author receives a medallion, inscribed with the award category, and a certificate. A book with multiple authors may receive up to three medallions. Contributors will receive a certificate only. Up to six authors and contributors may be listed on a certificate. Authors and contributors are determined by the entrant and specified on the online entry form.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

### Print

Send 6 copies of each book. Books cannot be returned.

### Digital

Upload the final PDF of the book to Dropbox folder linked in online entry form. **Electronic files must not exceed 500 MB in size. Electronic copy of the book must be submitted to be considered for all categories.**

### Entry Form

Print your online entry confirmation and include with your book shipment.

### Entry Deadline

Entries must be submitted by Dec. 1, 2019. Book shipments must arrive by Dec. 9, 2019. Please contact foundation staff at [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org) if your book was published in 2019 but unavailable for shipping until after Dec. 9, 2019. All requests for late shipment must be received by Dec. 1, 2019.

### Fees

To encourage increased access to the awards, entry fees will be waived for the first two weeks after entries open, from Oct. 1-14, 2019. Each publisher and entrant may submit 5 books during the free entry period, but can submit additional titles for consideration after the 14th at the normal entry rate.

- James Beard Foundation Member: \$100
- Non-Member: \$150
- Photography: \$25
- Late Entry: Additional \$50

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