



History Colorado

January 2022

Hello Publishers,

HISTORY COLORADO ANNOUNCES THE SIXTEENTH BIENNIAL BARBARA SUDLER AWARD

The Barbara Sudler Award is awarded for the best work of fiction or nonfiction on a western American subject by a woman author. The award carries a cash prize of \$500 for the author and certificates for both the author and publisher.

Publishers are invited to submit up to two titles published between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2020, for consideration by the Sudler Award screening committee. Books may be geared to either an academic or general interest audience, and there is no fee for entries. Please submit two copies of each book.

Of the entries submitted, two works will be selected for final review by a panel of outside judges. If your title is selected for final review, we will request two additional copies.

The deadline for submission of works to be considered is 5:00 pm, May 15, 2022. History Colorado cannot return books that have been submitted, nor can it accept books for consideration without the publisher's endorsement.

Please send entries to:

History Colorado Center
Attn: Center for Colorado Women's History
1200 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203

The Sudler Award is named in honor of the former president (serving from 1979 to 1989) of the Colorado Historical Society, (today's History Colorado), who maintained an active interest in historical issues and was an avid reader of western American literature. Barbara Sudler Hornby died in February, 2006.

Our three most recent awarded authors are for the titles listed below:

2020

Susan Devan Harness

Bitterroot: A Salish Memoir of Transracial Adoption

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PRESS

2018

Shirley Ann Wilson Moore

Sweet Freedom's Plains: African Americans on the Overland Trails, 1841–1869

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PRESS

2016

Rachel McLean Sailor

Meaningful Places: Landscape Photographers in the 19th American West

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO PRESS

AWARD CRITERIA

Entries for the Barbara Sudler Award should be single-volume, single-author works (not co-authored or edited books or anthologies) that have a strong western character and link to one or more western themes.

Subjects may include history, natural history, literature and the arts, folklore, and social or cultural life of the past or present. The most important quality an entry should have is wide potential readership and general interest.

The following criteria, used for evaluation by members of the screening committee and outside judges, may also serve as a guide for publishers in their selection.

- Significance of the book to an understanding of the West and its people.
- Degree to which the author has lived up to the subject's potential.
- Ability of the author to keep the reader interested throughout.
- Degree of creativity of thought (insights, discoveries) shown by the author.

- Degree to which you are convinced by the author's argument.
- Clarity of organization and purpose.
- The book's potential for making a long-term contribution to scholarship and knowledge about the West.
- Success with which the book will be meaningful to a broad audience.
- Degree of stylistic power or expertise demonstrated by the author.
- Likelihood that you will recommend the book to someone else.

Please include your Marketing Department contact name, phone number and email address with submitted works.

For more information, please contact HC_COwomenshistory@state.co.us

Sincerely,

Barbara Sudler Awards Committee
Center for Colorado Women's History