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### **Novels Sought by Women's Book Contest**

An outstanding female writer with ties to New Mexico will be honored next spring when her novel receives the prestigious Zia Book Award from New Mexico Press Women—the 69<sup>th</sup> time this recognition has been given.

Women authors whose books include action that takes place in New Mexico or who have close personal ties to New Mexico are invited to submit their novels for consideration. The contest opens on October 1, 2021 and all entries and fees must be received by February 1, 2022. Finalists are expected to claim their awards in person, at a luncheon honoring award recipients that will be held at the Zia Awards Luncheon in Farmington, New Mexico on March 12, 2022 (or online if necessary).

Categories rotate among fiction, non-fiction and children's literature every three years. Therefore, novels published in 2019, 2020 or 2021 will be eligible.

The author or someone acting on her behalf may submit either three copies of a physical book or one copy of an ebook edition. The book may be published anywhere. All entries require:

- 1) A brief cover letter, stating the author's biography, her connection to New Mexico and description of the book.
- 2) Three copies of the physical book or one ebook that can be forwarded to the three judges to [ZiaBookAwardContest@gmail.com](mailto:ZiaBookAwardContest@gmail.com).

Pay the entry fee (\$30 for non-members; \$25 for members until December 31; thereafter \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members); you may also join New Mexico Press Women at the time you enter but membership is not required for eligibility. You may pay on the website: <https://tinyurl.com/yzbuar5d>. You may also pay fees by check made out to NMPW and send them to:

Loretta Hall  
NMPW Treasurer  
3219 El Toboso Dr NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104

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Send physical book entries (with cover letters) to:

Léonie Rosenstiel  
Zia Contest Chair  
PO Box 94057  
Albuquerque, NM 87199

Books will not be judged until after all required items are received.

Entries are acknowledged via email on receipt. Questions? Contact Zia Award Chair Léonie Rosenstiel at [ZiaBookAward@gmail.com](mailto:ZiaBookAward@gmail.com).

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