

# OFFICIAL CATEGORIES: 2026 AMERICAN LEGACY BOOK AWARDS

## ACTIVE FICTION CATEGORIES:

Adventure: General  
Adventure: Historical  
Adventure: War & Military

Anthologies: Fiction

African-American Fiction

Best New Fiction

Best Cover Design: Adult Fiction  
Best Cover Design: Children's Fiction

Children's Fiction (Ages 3-6)  
Children's Picture Book: Softcover Fiction  
Children's Picture Book: Hardcover Fiction

Christian Inspirational: Fiction

Coming of Age

Cross Genre Fiction

Family Saga

Fantasy: General  
Fantasy: Epic/High Fantasy  
Fantasy: Historical

Graphic Novel

General Fiction

Historical Fiction

Holidays: Fiction

Horror: General  
Horror: Occult  
Horror: Psychological  
Horror: Paranormal/Supernatural

**—Fiction Categories Continued—**

Inspirational Fiction

Juvenile Fiction (Ages 6-9)

LGBTQ+ Fiction

Literary Fiction

Military Fiction

Multicultural Fiction

Mystery/Suspense: General

Mystery/Suspense: Cozy Mysteries ("Cozies")

Mystery/Suspense: Hard-Boiled/Crime

Mystery/Suspense: Historical

Mystery/Suspense: Multi-Cultural & Diverse

Mystery/Suspense: Procedurals (police or scientific investigation)

Mystery/Suspense: Romantic Suspense

New Age Fiction

Novelette (7,500 to 17,500 words)

Novella (17,500 to 40,000 words)

Poetry: General

Poetry: Anthologies

Poetry: Chapbook

Poetry: Contemporary

Poetry: Narrative

Poetry: Nature

Poetry: Religious

Poetry: Urban

Pre-Teen Fiction (Ages 10-12)

Religious Fiction

Romance: General

Romance: Erotica

Romance: Historical

Romance: Paranormal/Supernatural

Romance: Romantic Comedy

Science Fiction: General

Science Fiction: Alien/Space

**—Fiction Categories Continued—**

Science Fiction: Cyberpunk  
Science Fiction: Parallel Universe/Alternative History  
Science Fiction: Post-Apocalyptic

Short Story Fiction

Sports Fiction

Thriller: General

Thriller: Crime

Thriller: Legal

Thriller: Medical

Thriller: Political

Thriller: Psychological

Thriller: Religious

Thriller: Techno

Urban Fiction

Visionary Fiction

Western

Women's Fiction

Young Adult Fiction (Ages 13 & up)