

Lambda Literary Awards finalists announced

Lambda Book Report has announced the finalists of the **Lambda Literary Awards 1990**. The "Lammys," recognizing excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing, are presented in 17 categories. Nine authors received nominations in more than one category, including *Hidden From History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past* and *Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian, Gay and Jewish*.

Books

Multiple finalists include Celeste West's *A Lesbian Love Advisor*, a finalist in both **Lesbian Nonfiction** and **Gay and Lesbian Humor**; *Finale*, edited by Michael Nava, in **Gay Men's Anthologies** and **Gay Men's Mystery**; *In Memory of Angel Clare* by Christopher Bram in **Gay Men's Fiction** and the special **AIDS** category; *The Bar Stories* by Nisa Donnelly in **Lesbian Fiction** and **Lesbian Debut**; *Eighty-Sixed* by David B. Feinberg in **Gay Men's Fiction** and **Gay Men's Debut**; Jeffrey N. McMahan's *Somewhere in the Night* in both the **Gay**

Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy and **Gay Men's Mystery** categories; and editor John Preston's *Personal Dispatches* in **Gay Men's Nonfiction** and the special **AIDS** category. *Hidden From History*, edited by Martin Duberman, Martha Vicinus, and George Chauncy, placed in **Gay Men's Anthologies/Collections** as well as **Lesbian Anthologies/Collections**, and *Twice Blessed*, edited by Christie Balka and Andy Rose, is a finalist in both **Lesbian Nonfiction** and **Gay Men's Anthologies/Collections**.

Lee Lynch, Just Out's Amazon Trail columnist, has been nominated in the category of lesbian science fiction/fantasy for her novel *Sue Slate: Private Eye*.

The finalists represent 74 different titles, 80 authors and 36 publishers. "The gay and lesbian reading community really came out for the nominations process," said Jane Troxell, editor of the sponsoring publication. "We received four times as many ballots as last year's inaugural 'Lammys,' proving that the community wants to and can support such a program as the Lambda Literary Awards."

The Awards program is three-tiered; open nominations for the Awards closed on February 16. All nominations were then presented to a committee which determined five finalists in each of the 17 categories. A national pool of 85 judges consisting of booksellers, freelance book reviewers, and other experts in the area of gay and lesbian literature will determine the recipients of the Awards.

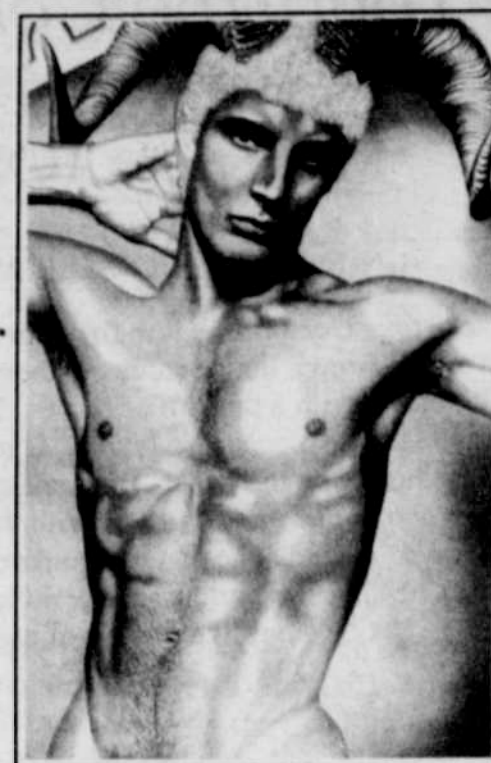
The votes will be tallied and the results

kept secret until the Awards presentation at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, coinciding with the American Booksellers Association Convention.

The Publishing Triangle, the Ferro-Grumley Foundation, and Words Project for AIDS will present cash and honorary awards for lifetime achievement, contemporary fiction, and AIDS-related writing, respectively.

The Publishing Triangle will present the Second Annual Whitehead Awards to a female recipient for lifetime achievement in the furtherance of gay and lesbian literature. Edmond White was their recipient last year.

In honor and memory of authors and lovers Robert Ferro and Michael Grumley, the **Ferro-Grumley Awards** consist of two cash prizes — one for an outstanding work of fiction on lesbian life published in 1989 by an American author, and the other for an outstanding work of fiction on gay male life published in 1989 by an American author. The board of trustees of the Ferro-Grumley Foundation will name recipients based on recommendations received by a Nominations Committee. Words Project for AIDS will also present two awards — one for an outstanding work addressing AIDS as it affects the individual, and one for an outstanding work addressing the effects of AIDS on society. This is the second year that Words Project for AIDS will present awards recognizing AIDS-related writings, but the first time that the awards will be presented at the Lambda Literary Awards.



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