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Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation Announces Finalists for 2024 Book Awards

Six Finalists Named in Both the Fiction & Nonfiction Categories

Dayton, OH (August 15, 2024) — Inspired by the Dayton Accords which ended the Bosnian War, the annual Dayton Literary Peace Prize, the first and only international literary peace prize awarded in the United States, honors writers whose work demonstrates the power of the written word to foster peace. Based on that criteria, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation is pleased to announce the following 2024 book award finalists in the categories of fiction and nonfiction. The winners will receive a \$10,000 cash prize, and the first runners-up will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

The 2024 fiction finalists are:

- [A History of Burning](#) by Janika Oza (Grand Central Publishing)
- [Dust Child](#) by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai (Algonquin Books)
- [Prophet Song](#) by Paul Lynch (Grove Atlantic)
- [River Sing Me Home](#) by Eleanor Shearer (Berkley)
- [The Postcard](#) by Anne Berest (Europa Editions)
- [We Meant Well](#) by Erum Shazia Hasan (ECW Press)



The 2024 nonfiction finalists are:

- [An Inconvenient Cop](#) by Edwin Raymond with Jon Sternfeld (Viking)
- [Built From the Fire](#) by Victor Luckerson (Random House)
- [All Else Failed](#) by Dana Sachs (Bellevue Literary Press)
- [Red Memory](#) by Tania Branigan (Faber)
- [The Talk](#) by Darrin Bell (Henry Holt)
- [Who Gets Believed?](#) by Dina Nayeri (Catapult)



All of the books and authors named as finalists demonstrate the ways in which the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation believes literature can advance peace, social justice, and global understanding between different cultures, religions, communities, and political points of view.

Winners and the Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award will be announced in September. The Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation will honor the winners, first runners-up, and other finalists at an awards ceremony in Dayton, Ohio the weekend of November 9-10, 2024.

About the Dayton Literary Peace Prize

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize honors writers whose work uses the power of the written word to foster peace, social justice, and global understanding. Launched in 2006, it is recognized as one of the world's most prestigious literary honors and is the only literary peace prize awarded in the United States. An offshoot of the Dayton Peace Prize, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize awards a \$10,000 cash prize each year to one fiction and one nonfiction author whose work advances peace as a solution to conflict and leads readers to a better understanding of other cultures, peoples, religions, and political points of view.

Additionally, the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award is bestowed upon a writer whose body of work reflects the Prize's mission. Previous honorees include Margaret Atwood, Wendell Berry, Taylor Branch, Geraldine Brooks, Sandra Cisneros, Wil Haygood, Louise Erdrich, John Irving, Barbara Kingsolver, Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, N. Scott Momaday, Tim O'Brien, Marilynne Robinson, Gloria Steinem, Studs Terkel, Colm Tóibín, and Elie Wiesel.

About the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation

The Foundation offers programming to high schools, colleges & universities, and libraries, including its Student Author Series, Community Conversations with the Ohio Public Library Network, among others. A primarily volunteer organization since its conception, the DLPP Foundation depends on donations from individuals, corporations, universities and local government to sustain its efforts. Learn more about how you can get involved via the [DLPP website](#).

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