



# Book News



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### University of Arizona Press Books Take Top Honors at Spring Award Ceremonies

(June 5, 2009. Tucson, AZ) Multiple titles published by the University of Arizona Press were recognized during three award ceremonies at BookExpo America—the publishing industry’s largest trade show, held annually in New York City. The Press picked up honors at the International Latino Book Awards, the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Awards, and the Independent Publisher Book Awards.

The International Book Awards recognize the positive contributions to Latino literature by publishers and writers worldwide. Among UA Press honorees, Braulio Muñoz won in the historical fiction category for his “elegiac and piercing” (*Booklist*) novel *Alejandro and the Fishermen of Tancay*. Highlighting titles that expand the readers’ world and introduce society to bold voices, *ForeWord Magazine* awarded Lois Beardslee a bronze medal in multicultural fiction for *The Women’s Warrior Society*, which Joy Harjo called “wise, tough, and beautiful.” The Independent Publisher Book Awards honor daring and distinctive writing that challenges the world’s social, political, and economic issues. Stella Pope Duarte’s courageous novel *If I Die in Juárez*—centering on the femicide taking place in Ciudad Juárez—earned a gold medal in multicultural fiction.

Leaving each ceremony with two or more winning titles, the University of Arizona Press provided competition to such highly regarded publishing houses as HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, and Random House.

#### Complete List of Winners

##### International Latino Book Awards

Braulio Muñoz, *Alejandro and the Fishermen of Tancay*  
Best Novel in English: Historical Fiction

Juan Felipe Herrera, *Half of the World in Light: New and Selected Poems*  
Best Poetry in English

Mimi Gladstein & Daniel Chacón, *The Last Supper of Chicano Heroes: Selected Works of Jose Antonio Burciaga*  
Best Biography in English: 2nd place

Rane Arroyo, *The Buried Sea: New and Selected Poems*  
Best Poetry in English: honorable mention

Stella Pope Duarte, *If I Die in Juárez*  
Best Novel in English: Drama or Adventure, honorable mention

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## **ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Awards**

Stella Pope Duarte, *If I Die in Juárez*  
Multicultural Fiction, Gold Medal

Lois Beardslee, *The Women's Warrior Society*  
Multicultural Fiction, Bronze Medal

## **Independent Publisher Book Awards**

Stella Pope Duarte, *If I Die in Juárez*  
Multicultural Fiction, Gold Medal

Lois Beardslee, *The Women's Warrior Society*  
Multicultural Fiction, Bronze Medal