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THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF TEXAS  
BOOK PRIZES 2020

*\$2,500 each*

FICTION PRIZE  
NONFICTION PRIZE  
POETRY PRIZE

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The Philosophical Society of Texas presents three literary prizes annually, each with a \$2,500 prize: one for a work of fiction, one for a nonfiction book, and one for a volume of poetry. For the current awards, all entrants must have been published in 2019. A nonfiction work must be about Texas. A fiction or poetry entrant may either be about Texas or have been written by an author who has resided in or who was born within the boundaries of the Republic of Texas as claimed in 1836 (see map on reverse).

The winning authors will be invited to attend the February 2021 Annual Meeting in Austin to receive the prizes and sign books. Judges may withhold the prizes at their discretion.

*Publishers must submit 4 copies of each book to be entered by July 15, 2020, to the address below.*

*For the poetry or fiction awards, if an entrant claims eligibility by Texas residence, please state the years and location where the author has resided within the boundaries claimed by the 1836 Republic of Texas.*

*Mailing Address for Book Submissions:*

The Philosophical Society of Texas Book Award  
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# Republic of Texas 1836

(with some current United States cities inserted)

The 1836 boundaries of the Republic extended into present-day New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Texas was bounded on the west by the Rio Grande extending to the headwaters, then due north to the 42<sup>nd</sup> parallel. The northern boundary extended along the 42<sup>nd</sup> parallel, then due south to the headwaters of the Arkansas River, which it followed to the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian, following it to the Red River. The northeastern, eastern, and southern boundaries, delineated by the Red River, the Sabine River, and the Gulf of Mexico, were just as they are in present-day Texas.

