

The Virginia M. Law Award for the most distinguished book on Texas History for Young Adults

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas

The Virginia M. Law Award for the most distinguished book on Texas History for Young Adults, endowed by Mrs. Law's daughter Nancy M. Law and sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, is given annually to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished book for young adults, grades 7-12, that accurately portrays the history of Texas, whether fiction or nonfiction. Mrs. Law was an active member of the Alamo Mission Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, an enthusiastic supporter of the purposes and efforts of the DRT, and a strong proponent of education.

2011 General Guidelines

The book must have been published for the first time within the calendar years, January 2010 - December 2011. The exception to this rule is the reprint of an early book that is annotated or revised to make its story accessible to today's students.

Three (3) copies of the book must be submitted for each nomination. All books become the property of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc., and will not be returned. Publishers should submit entries published during 2010 or 2011 to the DRT Library postmarked no later than December 31, 2011. Entries should be mailed to the DRT Library, P. O. Box 1401, San Antonio, Texas, 78295-1401. Entries may also be hand-delivered by that date to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas, during regular library hours, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Selections will be made from books nominated. If no book nominated is considered to meet the listed criteria, no award will be presented. The text and illustrations should be of highest quality and accuracy.

A three-member panel of judges comprised of historians, educators, librarians, and/or DRT members who are asked to serve by the DRT Library Committee Chairman, judge the entries, and select the top five entries. All committee members will meet in San Antonio at the DRT Library by the end of March to select the award winner from the top five choices.

The 2011 committee is composed of Dr. Barbara Immroth, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, chairman; Dr. Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children's Services, San Antonio Public Library, and Professor Amy Carter, English Department Instructional Facilitator, Floresville High School, Floresville, Texas.

The winning entry will receive a cash prize of \$400. If the winning entry has multiple authors and/or illustrators, the committee may choose to honor them singly or together. If there is more than one honored, the cash award will be divided among them. Awards will be presented in May of 2012 at the Historical Evening during the Annual Conference of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Only the finalist will be notified prior to the awards ceremony. The award winner will be responsible for his travel expenses but will attend the dinner as a guest of the library.

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