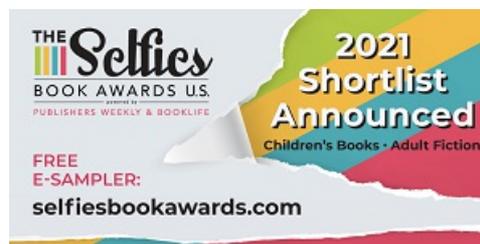


## U.S. Selfies Book Awards shortlist announced

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*Free e-book sampler of shortlisted titles now available; fourteen authors in the race for adult fiction and children's awards*



Fourteen self-publishers will compete for the top honours in the U.S. Selfies Book Awards, seven in the adult fiction category, now in its second year, and seven in the children's book category, in its inaugural year. This year *BookBrunch* and *PW*, together with sponsor IngramSpark, have produced a free e-book sampler of the shortlists available to download at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6M8X3SQ>

The adult fiction category finalists include Paty Jager (who was also shortlisted in 2020) with her crime procedural *Fox Goes Hunting*; ND Jones with her fantasy novel *A Queen's Pride*; Lilianne Milgrom with an historical novel *L'Origine: The Secret Life of the World's Most Erotic Masterpiece*; Charlie Newton with a First World War thriller, *Privateers*; Adam Pelzman with his coming-of-age story, *The Boy and the Lake*; Penny Reid with her romantic mystery *Engagement and Espionage, Solving for Pie*; and Nicolas Lietzau with a fantasy novel *Dreams of the Dying*.

The children's book category sees four picture books (*Steadfast: Frances Perkins, Champion of Workers' Rights* by Jennifer J Merz; *The Amazing Adventures of Aya & Pete in New York* by Serena Minott and Asha Gore, illustrated by Caroline Buzio; *How to Fold a Taco* by Naibe Reynoso, illustrated by Ana Verala; and *The Big Adventures of Little Tree* by Nadja Springer, illustrated by Tilia Rand-Bell) compete against middle grade reader *The Rumble Hunters* by Courtney Dunlap and two YA novels, *The Lost Coven* by Bekah Harris and *The Benevolent Lords of Sometimes Island* by Scott Semegran to be the first winner of the U.S. Selfies Book Award for children's books.

The winner of the first U.S. Selfies Book Award for adult fiction was Tim Westover with his second novel, *The Winter Sisters*, set in pre-Civil War Georgia and described by the judges 'an absorbing, well-researched and beautifully written novel.'

This year's winners will be announced on Thursday, June 25, 2021 during Happy Hour (5:00 p.m. CT) at the American Library Association's annual conference, again being held online. The U.S. Selfies are sponsored by IngramSpark, Combined Book Exhibit, Barnes & Noble Press and Author Solutions.

Jo Henry, managing director of *BookBrunch*, said: "The number of entries for the second year of the adult fiction awards, and the first year of the children's book U.S. Selfies, has far exceeded our expectations, and we're delighted to know that the indie publishing community has been so receptive to these awards. The shortlists are incredibly strong, and I'm looking forward to hearing the choices of this year's judges."



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The judging panels who are currently choosing their top titles are *BookLife* editor and former *Publishers Weekly* associate children's book editor Matia Madrona Query; Joshua L. Carlson, White Plains (N.Y.) Public Library children's librarian; and Paige Allen, director of IngramSpark, for children's books, while the adult fiction judges are Robin Cutler, president of LMBPN Worldwide Publishing, ceo of HowToPublishBooks.com and creator and developer of IngramSpark; BrocheAroe Fabian, owner of River Dog Book Co., a location-independent bookstore focused on diverse, global, inclusive and representative books; and Emily Thomas Meehan, who joined Barnes & Noble in 2021 and oversees all of Sterling Publishing's operations, leading new strategies for both children's and adult titles, and former vice president and publisher at Disney Book Group.

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