



# 2021 CONNECTICUT BOOK AWARDS FINALISTS

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## NONFICTION

*Mill Town*  
Kerri Arsenault

*God's Shadow*  
Alan Mikhail

*The Alchemy of Us*  
Ainissa Ramirez

*American Rebels*  
Nina Sankovitch

*No Way but to Fight: George Foreman and the Business of Boxing*  
Andrew R. M. Smith

## POETRY

*I Hear Their Voices Singing*  
Cortney Davis

*Eleanor*  
Gray Jacobik

*My Husband Would*  
Benjamin S. Grossberg

*Maps for Jackie*  
Jason Labbe

*Edges & Fray: on language, presence, and (invisible) animal architectures*  
Danielle Vogel

## FICTION

*Spindle City*  
Jotham Burrello

*Riot Baby*  
Tochi Onyebuchi

*Musical Chairs*  
Amy Poeppel

*Father Guards the Sheep*  
Sari Rosenblatt

## YOUNG READERS

### Fiction

*Cleo Porter and the Body Electric*  
Jake Burt

*Class Act*  
Jerry Craft

*Dress Coded*  
Carrie Firestone

*From the Desk of Zoe Washington*  
Janae Marks

*The Last Tree Town*  
Beth Turley

### Nonfiction

*Accidental Archaeologists*  
Sarah Albee

*Albert Hopper, Science Hero*  
John Himmelman

### Picture Books

*Let's Dance!*  
Valerie Bolling | Author

*Kindergarten Hat*  
Janet Lawler | Author

*The All-Together Quilt*  
Lizzy Rockwell | Author and Illustrator

*Hazel and Twig: The Lost Egg*  
Brenna Burns Yu

## SPIRIT OF CONNECTICUT

### Nonfiction

*Hartford Seen*  
Pablo Delano

*Paved Roads & Public Money*  
Richard Deluca

*The History of Steep Rock Association*  
Carol Bergren Santoleri

*Creating Connecticut: Critical Moments that Shaped a Great State*  
Walter Woodward

### Fiction

*The Sea Glass Murders*  
Timothy Cole

### Young Readers

*Lois's Story: A Young Girl's Inspiration Helps to Stop Hate and Fear*  
Ed Edelson

### Poetry

*Coming Through*  
Rennie McQuilkin

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