



## 2018 Arab American Book Award *Mission and Criteria*

The Arab American Book Award was established in 2006. The Award is given to books published in the last full calendar year. To be eligible for the 2018 Award, a book must have a copyright date between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. An Award may be given to an author, editor or illustrator in each of the following categories:

- Adult Non-Fiction (The Evelyn Shakir Non-Fiction Award)
- Adult Fiction
- Poetry (The George Ellenbogen Poetry Award)
- Children or Young Adult, Fiction or Non-Fiction

Books are reviewed by committees, one for each category, made up of librarians, past winners, and Arab American scholars. The reviewers select winners based on a book's overall quality, including its writing and originality. For non-fiction, reviewers also consider the relevancy, sufficiency, and accuracy of the book's information.

### **Mission Statement**

The Arab American Book Award is a literary program created to honor books written by and about Arab Americans. The program generates greater awareness of Arab American scholarship and writing through an annual award competition and educational outreach.

### **Procedures and Criteria for the 2018 Arab American Book Award**

The Arab American Book Award Committee invites submissions of published works for the Arab American Book Award. Submissions can be made by either the publisher or the author. The person submitting should complete the Arab American Book Award Submission Form and clearly indicate compliance with the following criteria:

1. The book must be written, edited or illustrated by an Arab American, or address the Arab American experience. See below for a list of the 22 Arab countries.
2. The book must be an original work and published in English between January 1 and December 31, 2017. The Award is given the year after the eligible books are published. No chapbooks or manuscripts will be considered.
3. The portrayal or representation of Arab Americans should be accurate and engaging, avoid stereotypes, and reflect rich characterization.
4. **Submissions must be postmarked by February 15, 2018.**

**22 Arab countries:** Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.



## 2018 Arab American Book Award *Submission Form*

Please designate category:

- Adult Fiction    Adult Non-Fiction    Poetry    Children's/Young Adult

Please check all that apply:

- Arab American Author    Arab American Editor  
 Arab American Illustrator    Arab American Experience

**Title:**

**Author/Illustrator/Editor Name:**

**Publisher/Imprint:**

**Copyright Date** (month/year):

**Submitter Information:** (The Submitter will be the one contacted concerning the status of the submission)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Send the AANM Submission Form and **four copies** of the published book to:

Kirsten Terry-Murphy, Librarian  
Arab American National Museum  
Library and Resource Center  
13624 Michigan Avenue  
Dearborn, Michigan 48126

**Questions?** Call the library at 313-624-0223 or email [kterry@accesscommunity.org](mailto:kterry@accesscommunity.org).

All books submitted become the property of the Arab American National Museum.