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New England Society in the City of New York Announces Annual Book Award Finalists

WHAT: [The New England Society in the City of New York](#) (NES) is pleased to announce the finalists, or the “shortlist,” for the 2023 [New England Society Book Awards](#), which recognize books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture. The NES Book Awards are made in four categories— **Art & Photography, Fiction, Nonfiction,** and **Specialty Title**—and are presented annually to authors of books published in the previous 12 months. The winning authors will be selected from this shortlist and announced to the membership in July. The winners will then be lauded at a special evening at the National Arts Club on **September 14th**. “NES is excited to continue its tradition of honoring authors who contribute to the advancement of New England culture through their literary works,” said Matthew Rimi von Barton, 102nd NES President., “We were thrilled with the wide selection of submissions this year. This made the selection process by the juries all the more competitive.” said NES Book Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Lucy Kirk and Marian Morrill.

FINALISTS:

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

- [Born in Cambridge 400 Years of Ideas and Innovators by Karen Weintraub and Michael Kuchta](#) (The MIT Press)
- [Wisteria House: Life in a New England Home, 1839–2000 by Susan J. Montgomery](#) (Rowan & Littlefield Publishers)

FICTION

- [The Midcoast: Novel by Adam White](#) (Hogarth)
- [Out Front the Following Sea by Leah Angstman](#) (Regal Publishing House)

CONTEMPORARY NONFICTION/MEMOIR

- [Where Futures Converge: Kendall Square and the Making of a Global Innovation Hub by Robert Buderl](#) (The MIT Press)

HISTORICAL NONFICTION/BIOGRAPHY

- [Here and Everywhere Else: Small-Town Maine and the World by Andrew Witmer](#) (University of Massachusetts Press)
- [Rebels at Sea Privateering in the American Revolution by Eric Jay Dolin](#) (Liveright)

SPECIALTY TITLE

- [Notes on the Landscape of Home by Susan Hand Shetterly](#) (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers)

WHO: Founded in 1805, [The New England Society in the City of New York](#) (NES), is one of the oldest social, charitable, and cultural organizations in the United States. For more than 100 years, prominent writers such as Mark Twain, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louis Auchincloss, William F. Buckley, Jr., David McCullough, and Dominick Dunne have been honored by NES. The [New England Society Book Awards](#) carry on these literary connections and recognize books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture.

WHERE & WHEN: The **September 14th event is open to the public**, offering all NES members and literary enthusiasts a chance to mingle with winners and jury members who evaluated this year’s submissions. This year’s event will be held at New York’s venerable **National Arts Club** and include a panel discussion with the winning authors, book signings, and the awards ceremony.

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