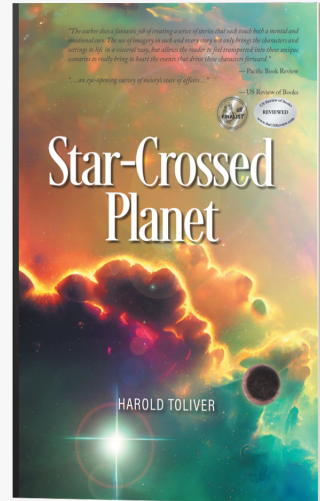


Harold Toliver's 'Star-Crossed Planet' Named 2025 Eric Hoffer Book Award Category Finalist

Literary Scholar Expands His Exploration of Natural History, Human Imagination, and Cosmic Reality

YORBA LINDA, CA, UNITED STATES, August 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author and retired professor Harold Toliver has earned recognition as a [2025 Eric Hoffer Book Award Category Finalist](#) for his latest work [Star-Crossed Planet](#). This honor places the book among a distinguished list of titles celebrated for literary excellence, innovation, and intellectual engagement.



"Star-Crossed Planet"

Star-Crossed Planet may seem, at first glance, to follow a conventional literary form. However, as with Toliver's earlier works, this newest book resists easy classification. It is a continuation of his broader intellectual journey, one that confronts inherited myths and reorients the reader toward a more grounded view of reality, shaped by the full scope of natural history and scientific understanding.

Unlike a straightforward academic treatise, Star-Crossed Planet is personal and episodic in tone. It blends narrative elements with philosophical reflection to explore the vastness of the universe and humanity's place within it. Toliver's signature approach combining literary insight, scientific knowledge, and cultural critique, invites readers to move beyond anthropocentric thinking and consider how natural forces and historical patterns truly shape our world.

Toliver's recognition in the Eric Hoffer Book Awards affirms his ongoing contribution to interdisciplinary thought and literature. The award celebrates books that make lasting literary and intellectual impressions, and Star-Crossed Planet is a prime example of such work. It deepens and personalizes themes developed in his previous titles, revealing how natural history's reach not only informs our understanding of the universe but also redefines the stories we tell about ourselves.

With decades of academic service at institutions including Johns Hopkins University, the University of Washington, UCLA, and Ohio State University, Harold Toliver has long been recognized for his scholarship in literature and theory. In his later career, he has turned his focus to bridging the gap between the humanities and the sciences, challenging readers to see beyond cultural and philosophical limitations.

Star-Crossed Planet stands as a unique and thought-provoking contribution to modern thought. Readers who have engaged with Mythic Worlds and Scanning and Sizing the Universe will find this book to be a natural and powerful extension of Toliver's mission to clarify, question, and expand the boundaries of human understanding. The book is now available on Amazon and other major online retailers.

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