

# Reader Views Literary Awards Introduces Separate Fiction and Non-Fiction Programs Beginning in 2026

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, March 3, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Reader Views announces an important structural update to its long-running Literary Awards program. Beginning with the 2026 awards cycle, the Reader Views Literary Awards will operate as two distinct programs: one for Fiction and one for Non-Fiction. Each program will run on its own schedule while remaining part of the trusted Reader Views platform.

The change follows significant growth in the awards program over recent years. Fiction and Non-Fiction titles follow different publishing timelines and require different review and judging workflows. Separating the programs allows Reader Views to better align timelines, reduce congestion, and provide a more focused evaluation process for each category.

"This update allows us to manage the awards more effectively while maintaining the standards authors and reviewers expect from Reader Views," said Managing Editors Sheri Hoyte and Susan Violante. "It gives each program the space and attention it deserves without overlap or unnecessary delays."

## 2026 Program Timelines

### Fiction Awards

- Entry Window: March 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026
- Reviews Completed By: October 31, 2026



- Final Judging Period: November 2026
- Winners Announced: Late November 2026

#### Non-Fiction Awards

- Entry Window: September 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027
- Reviews Completed By: April 30, 2027
- Final Judging Period: May 2027
- Winners Announced: Late May 2027

Each program will continue to offer the core benefits that have defined the Reader Views Literary Awards, including professional editorial reviews and a detailed 20-point evaluation for every entry.

As part of this expanded structure, Reader Views will continue to offer sponsorship and partnership opportunities aligned with both the Fiction and Non-Fiction awards programs. Organizations interested in supporting independent authors and the literary community are invited to [explore partnership opportunities](#) within the Reader Views Literary Awards program.

Additional details, including category listings and submission guidelines for each program, are available at:

<https://readerviews.com/literaryawards/>

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