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2026 BookTok Indie Author Awards

Voting Guide

Official voting information and ballot access



2026 Voting Timeline



Round 1 Voting:

September 1 - October 1, 2026



Finalist Voting (Top 5):

October 2 - November 13, 2026



Winners Announced:

December 19, 2026 Live Show



How Voting Works

- Voting is fully reader-driven.
- Round 1 includes all eligible submissions and nominations.
- Readers may vote across all categories. The highest-voted entries advance to the Finalist Round (Top 5).
- Votes reset at the start of the Finalist Round to ensure fairness.
- Winners are determined solely by verified vote totals. No judging panel is involved.



Voting Guidelines

- One vote per person per category
- Device monitoring safeguards
- Duplicate vote prevention
- No purchase or paid entry required
- Tie-break review may occur, or multiple winners may be recognized
- All vote totals undergo integrity review prior to public announcement



Official Links



Voting Information:

[evocativeimpressions.com/
voting-information/](https://evocativeimpressions.com/voting-information/)



Category Hub:

[evocativeimpressions.com/
categories/](https://evocativeimpressions.com/categories/)





Award Category Ballots

Author categories, part 1

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Age & Audience

- Young Adult — <https://tally.so/r/lb84YN>
- Children's Book — <https://tally.so/r/ob8VZV>
- New Adult — <https://tally.so/r/D4Ra9p>



General Fiction

- Contemporary Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/b512jZ>
- Historical Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/44lz5k>
- Coming of Age — <https://tally.so/r/zx8QVE>



Romance

- Romantic Comedy — <https://tally.so/r/Ekoalo>
- Contemporary Romance — <https://tally.so/r/4411jO>
- Steamy Romance — <https://tally.so/r/RGqrYQ>
- Dark Romance — <https://tally.so/r/44lzGd>
- Paranormal Romance — <https://tally.so/r/RGqjAK>
- Horror Romance — <https://tally.so/r/ob8zMN>



Fantasy & Speculative

- Fantasy — <https://tally.so/r/Np2d2j>
- Epic / High Fantasy — <https://tally.so/r/q48vqg>
- Paranormal / Urban Fantasy — <https://tally.so/r/KYrGjg>
- Dark Fantasy — <https://tally.so/r/zx8L18>
- Gothic Fantasy — <https://tally.so/r/lb8vEv>
- Romantasy — <https://tally.so/r/zx8bEa>



Science Fiction

- Sci-Fi — <https://tally.so/r/PdZPzQ>
- Dystopian / Post-Apocalyptic — <https://tally.so/r/ja8vXQ>



Thriller / Mystery

- Psychological Thriller / Suspense — <https://tally.so/r/2E9R8j>
- Thriller / Mystery — <https://tally.so/r/zx8b0k>
- Cozy Mystery — <https://tally.so/r/2E971p>



Horror

- Horror — <https://tally.so/r/Eko6ko>
- Supernatural Horror — <https://tally.so/r/0QqAj9>
- Splatterpunk — <https://tally.so/r/686Vxo>





Award Category Ballots

Author categories, part 2



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Format-Based Fiction

- Poetry — <https://tally.so/r/1AQRql>
- Novella — <https://tally.so/r/441O05>
- Anthology / Collection — <https://tally.so/r/eqOR2q>



Non-Fiction

- Memoir / Autobiography / Biography — <https://tally.so/r/ob8zkV>
- True Crime — <https://tally.so/r/KYrRvX>
- Self-Help / Personal Development — <https://tally.so/r/xX86QE>



Representation & Inclusion

- LGBTQ+ Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/aQpzZB>
- Black Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/rj8rqN>
- Latin American Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/QKN4YG>
- Indigenous Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/J9Eo2r>
- Asian / Pacific Islander Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/PdZ64x>
- Middle Eastern / North African Fiction — *No submissions this year, no ballot link*
- Disability Representation in Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/1AQ6yb>
- Neurodivergent Representation in Fiction — <https://tally.so/r/q48zMk>



Craft & Writing

- Best Prose — <https://tally.so/r/RGqY7d>
- Best Dialogue — <https://tally.so/r/xX8y0o>
- Best Multiple POVs — <https://tally.so/r/kd8W2e>
- Best Trope Execution — <https://tally.so/r/yP8qzX>
- Best Magic System — <https://tally.so/r/ja8W8J>



Production & Format

- Best Indie Audiobook — <https://tally.so/r/ODxYrA>
- Best Audiobook Narrator — <https://tally.so/r/b51Lbe>
- Best Editor — <https://tally.so/r/D4RDMj>
- Best Cover Design — <https://tally.so/r/lb8W6o>



New Author Recognition

- Best Debut Novel — <https://tally.so/r/BzJD1K>





Award Category Ballots

Reader submission categories

These reader-nominated categories celebrate unforgettable characters, standout reading experiences, and community impact.

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Character Awards

- ★ Favorite Morally Gray Character
<https://tally.so/r/rj8g2p>
- ★ Most Unforgettable Character
<https://tally.so/r/gD8gvP>
- ★ Best Villain
<https://tally.so/r/ob8gDx>



Reader Experience Awards

- ★ Binge-Worthy Book
<https://tally.so/r/lb8gek>
- ★ Ultimate Re-Read
<https://tally.so/r/GxOk7L>
- ★ Most Satisfying HEA
<https://tally.so/r/xX8gvd>
- ★ Best Hidden Gem
<https://tally.so/r/lb84X5>



Series & Author Popularity

- ★ Best Completed Indie Series
<https://tally.so/r/ja8EqE>
- ★ Most Hype-Worthy Indie Author
<https://tally.so/r/A7Majl>
- ★ Reader's Choice Award
<https://tally.so/r/vG8gzg>



Creator & Community Awards

- ★ Indie Community Champion
<https://tally.so/r/xX8gRk>
- ★ Indie BookTok Creator of the Year
<https://tally.so/r/yP8god>
- ★ Breakout Indie Supporter
<https://tally.so/r/dWJgQD>

Thank you for supporting indie authors
and the wider reading community.

