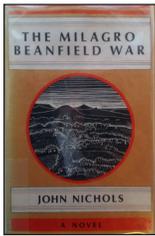
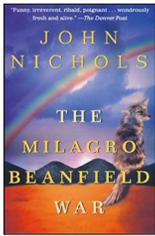


A New Mexico Literary Classic at Winter Fiesta!

THE MILAGRO BEANFIELD WAR TO RECEIVE COVETED RICHARD HARRIS AWARD



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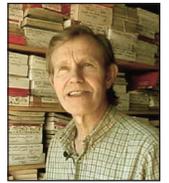
THE NEW MEXICO BOOK ASSOCIATION will proudly present its sixth Richard Harris Award to *The Milagro Beanfield War* at the Winter Fiesta on January 11. This now legendary cultural classic from our Land of Enchantment was penned by prolific author **John Treadwell Nichols** in 1974. The book was chosen by the NMBA Board to receive the 2018 Richard Harris Book Award. Our choice was unanimous and with smiles!

The Milagro Beanfield War was first published by Holt, Reinhart and Winston of New York, and quickly drew widespread interest for its lively narrative of Northern New Mexico's village life, people and issues. Amusing and insightful, the book gave our modern Hispanic subculture a voice to millions beyond our state. For many it put New Mexico on the map.

Nichols' tale came to the screen by the same name in a popular feature motion picture directed by **Robert Redford**. Nichols himself did career stage and screenwriting before he began his wonderful novels. *Milagro Beanfield* was joined by *The Magic Journey* in 1978 and *The Nirvana Blues* in 1981, to make his famous "New Mexico Trilogy." John has now penned and published some 20 books, including *My Heart Belongs to Nature* in 2017. He has lived and written in Taos for many seasons, but sadly he can't attend our presentation. He will be represented by a good friend you may recognize.

Artist **Rini Templeton** did the first cover image and lively drawings for each chapter. You can find out more at johnnicholsbooks.com.

The Richard Harris Award is funded by a grant from his family. Richard Harris left us a strong legacy. He was a founding member and early president of the New Mexico Book Association, author of many books, a consummate book man, and a mentor to publishers. The Harris Award is presented each year to a book whose outstanding excellence in every measure—in authorship, editorial preparation, design, and enduring influence—is deemed worthy of this high honor and recognition. NMBA will give a substantial number of copies of the current edition of *Milagro Beanfield War* to deserving schools, libraries and associations in the state.



John Treadwell
Nichols

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Here are the six extraordinary books of our region that have received a Richard Harris Award:

1. *The Garlic Testament*
2. *Kiva, Cross, and Crown*
3. *The Hi Lo Country*
4. *Bless Me, Ultima*
5. *Enchantment and Exploitation*
6. *The Milagro Beanfield War*



Celebrate the New Year with NMBA Friends

Winter Fiesta Celebration Comes to Bourbon Grill

COME ONE! COME ALL! You will be warmly greeted the evening of Thursday, January 11 at the NMBA Winter Fiesta at Santa Fe's Bourbon Grill at El Gancho (formerly The Steaksmyth). Plan to arrive hungry at 5:30 pm! Inviting Bourbon Grill Restaurant is on Old Las Vegas Highway just a little southeast of town.

Our nice dinner menu includes a large salad, potstickers, cheese balls, cheese enchiladas, nachos, plus gluten-free choices. After dinner you may enjoy dessert cookies with your coffee or cocktail. Expect the presentation of the Richard Harris Award to be one exciting highlight.

If you haven't been lately, drive down Old Pecos Trail to the stoplight for the intersection for I-25. Old Pecos Trail becomes Old Las Vegas Highway right there. You'll pass Harry's Road House on your left and find Bourbon Grill at the very next intersection. Good parking at El Gancho.

Didn't make reservations yet? Not to worry—just come as you are and you'll be welcomed!

Dinner seating is just \$20 for NMBA members (\$25 for people who aren't yet a member). Please let NMBA Administrator **Leigh McDougall** know you'll be there: admin@nmbook.org.



POINTS & PICAS

USEFUL NEWS FOR NEW MEXICO'S BOOK COMMUNITY

By Richard Polese, NMBA Archivist

New Times Call for New Forms of Creative Expression **Turning the Page Isn't What It Used to Be**

MY INTRODUCTION TO BOOK PUBLISHING BEGAN here in Santa Fe five decades ago when I got a job sorting lead type and running a treadle press at the Stagecoach Press of **Jack D. Rittenhouse**. I wanted to learn the basics about real printing to supplement my goals in newspaper journalism. Jack was a true hands-on craftsman (as well as being a fine history writer). I've always enjoyed creating with my hands at least as well as any intellectual pursuit. I made Soap Box Derby racers in my youth, used wrenches repairing classic Hudson cars, and built a house and several walls of adobe bricks.

Real typewriters, using a pica stick to measure type size and line length in book design, learning offset printing, and publishing my first book, *The Original New Mexico Cookery*, on real paper. Great times, but times are changing. I caught on with the early stages of digital work, but it hasn't been the same as getting one's fingers inky. Moving on in years I've begun to concede that the newer and faster waves of electronic techniques and technologies are more quickly absorbed and best employed by a new generation.

Publishing good books that are taken in hand by readers is still a primary passion. I continue producing books under my Ocean Tree Books imprint. But younger people are writing, producing, and marketing books with fresh enthusiasm in new ways that sometimes leaves me in the proverbial dust.

I like learning when new and younger people come to our Networking Luncheons and then into the NMBA family. I've enjoyed providing some "useful news" to readers of this column for over two decades. Older and younger book people; Let's all keep the presses running!

❖ **SUNFLOWER ELLIOTT** has been crafting the fine appearance of *Libro Book News* all through this past year. Other things in life are calling, so she decided this issue will be her last. I have worked with Sunny on several book design and production projects through the years. She certainly knows her stuff. I enjoy her talents and our happy friendship. Sunflower continues as an honorary NMBA member.

❖ **OUR NEW NMBA WEBSITE** should be posted this month according to designer **Lila Romero**. Members will be clearly instructed on gaining and using the site. Lila has employed her outstanding design talents to make the site fresher, cleaner and much easier to use.

❖ **I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE** and honor **Barbara Beasley Murphy** who has served on the NMBA Board of Directors ever since we began. **Elaine Coleman** and **Jim Mafchir** also deserve big tips of the hat for long-running terms of leadership and service for our membership.

"We're looking for your nonfiction book entries for the Zia Award!"

NEW MEXICO PRESS WOMEN BOOK CONTEST NOW OPEN

NEW MEXICO PRESS WOMEN announced that an outstanding New Mexico writer will be honored for her work in nonfiction this spring when her book receives their prestigious Zia Award. "We'd love for it to be yours!" says NMPW Board Secretary **Damien Willis**.

New Mexico female authors are invited to submit their nonfiction books for consideration for the award that will be presented this year at the NMPW Spring Conference Luncheon. Their 2018 conference will take place on Saturday, April 28 at The Lodge in Santa Fe. Finalists are required to attend the award luncheon and read from their work.

Publishers or authors may submit book entries. Membership in the association isn't required, but the writer must be a woman. Authors must also live in the state or have a strong connection to New Mexico. However the book can be published anywhere. Entry fee is \$25 for NMPW members and \$30 for nonmembers. Membership in NMPW is \$15 per year. Entrants submitting their membership fee at the time of the book entry are eligible for the membership entry price. Hardcover books have a slightly higher fee because all books are sent out to the judges.

Each year the award rotates to one of three categories: nonfiction, fiction and children's literature. This year it's Nonfiction. Any nonfiction book published in 2015, 2016 or 2017 will be accepted for consideration for the 2018 Zia Award.

Please submit a cover letter with contact information including: Author biography, the author's connection to New Mexico, and a description of your book. Include a copy of the book and your entry fee. Checks are payable to New Mexico Press Women. Entry fees may also be paid online at www.nmpresswomen.org.

Send your book and cover letter to: **Bill Diven**, Zia Award Contest Chair, P.O. Box 1007, Placitas, NM 87043-1007. **Entries must be post-marked by Saturday, February 3, 2018.** An acknowledgement letter will be emailed upon receipt of the entry. All books entered are considered a donation to NMPW and will be, held for the silent auction at the annual Spring Awards banquet to help raise scholarship funds.

For more information on the contest or if you have specific questions about your entry, please email Contest Chairperson Bill Diven at MediaPlacitasLLC@gmail.com.

LIBRO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Send your **Calendar of Events** items to *librobooknews@gmail.com*. Include the date, time, place and who to contact for more information.

Next *Libro* deadline is Friday, February 16.

JANUARY 2018 BOOK EVENTS

- **Thursday, January 11, 2018: NMBA Winter Fiesta!** Our annual gathering and celebration for New Mexico's book people takes place at Bourbon Grill, 104 Old Las Vegas Highway, Santa Fe (just a little southeast of town), 5:30 to 8 pm. Cost is just \$20 for NMBA members (\$25 for yet-to-be members). Delicious meal choices are being prepared specially for us. Contact Leigh at admin@nmbook.org (505) 660-6357 or Sandi Wright sandi@sandi-wright.com for latest details. Make your reservation by email to admin@nmbook.org. (Winter Fiesta takes the place of our Networking Luncheon this month.)
- **Friday, Jan. 26: NM Book Coop Lunch** with **Geoff Habinger**. Come at noon to the Golden Corral Restaurant on San Mateo near Cliff's Amusement Park, Albuquerque. Create your own delicious buffet lunch, then come into the Coop's nearby meeting room. Learn more from www.nmbookcoop.com. paulLPD.com.

FEBRUARY 2018 BOOK EVENTS

- **Friday, February 9: NMBA Networking Luncheon** at Tiny's Restaurant at Santa Fe's Crossroads Center. **Dr. Richard Kaye** will speak briefly about his February workshop. We will learn more about our new Facebook Page from **Lila Romero**. Did you have unsold books at the NMLA Conference? This will be your last opportunity to pick them up.
- **NMBA February Board Meeting** follows at 1:15 at Tiny's, right after our Networking Luncheon.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 13: "Empower Your Negotiation" Workshop** with **Dr. Richard Kaye**. This special NMBA program will happen in the Santa Fe Unitarian-Universalist building, where West Barcelona meets Galisteo Street. Arrive by 6 pm. Only \$20 for members (\$25 for yet-to-be members). Reservations are highly recommended. Secure your place now by email: admin@nmbook.org.
- **February 15-17, 2018: "Raising Voices: Creating a Vibrant Publishing Future."** PubWest's 2018 Conference at the Westin Pasadena in California. Hear first-rate speakers and network with industry leaders. Register now at www.pubwest.org/conference. NMBA grew from PubWest two decades ago and we continue our close affiliation. Questions about the Conference? Contact Executive Director Kent Watson: kent@pubwest.org.
- **Friday, Feb. 16: Libro Book News deadline!** Send your Member News and announcements to: librobooknews@gmail.com. Releases may also be mailed to NMBA Libro Editor, P.O. Box 1285, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

MARCH 2018 BOOK EVENTS

- **Thursday, March 1: Fantasy Tales Deadline!** WorldWeaver Press and Sarena Ulibarri invite writers to submit fantasy tales featuring **Baba Yaga** for a new anthology. Stories need to include Baba Yaga in some form. She's the grandmother witch of Slavic folklore. Accepted tales will appear in a new anthology from WorldWeaver Press. Enter anytime up to the March 1 deadline. Find the full guidelines at www.worldweaverpress.com/submit anthologies.html.
- **Friday, March 9: NMBA Networking Luncheon**, 11:30 am at Tiny's Restaurant in the Santa Fe Crossroads Center. Great opportunity for you to introduce yourself and share your work! No fee and you'll have great choices from J.R. Palermo's menu! Bring a friend and come early.

- **Thursday, March 15: "How to Qualify as a Business (according to IRS rules)." NMBA Program with Therese Francis**, a respected authority in this field. Admission is \$30 for NMBA members (\$35 non-members) and also includes an informative booklet! UU Congregation meeting place, 6 pm. Reserve your space by email: admin@nmbook.org.

ON THE HORIZON

- **April 6-7, 2018: IBPA Publishing University**. Sheraton Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas. This is the premier educational event for Independent Publishers and Self-Published Authors. Register today: www.publishinguniversity.org.
- **April 11-13: National Children's Book Festival**. University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. www.usm.edu/chirdrens-book-festival.
- **Friday, April 13: NMBA Networking Luncheon**, 11:30 am at Tiny's restaurant. Please arrive on time. Admission is free. Enjoy one of Tiny's lunch menu selections!
- **Tuesday, April 17: "Book Reviews: Why they're important, how to get them, and how to write them."** with **Art Tucker** and **Mari Angulo** presenting this NMBA Workshop Program. Come at 6 pm to our meeting space at UU Congregation of Santa Fe, at 107 West Barcelona Road. Convenient parking. Fee will be \$20 for NMBA members (\$25 for not-yet members). Reserve your place by email: admin@nmbook.org.

WELCOME NEW NMBA MEMBERS!

Margaret Tessler
Mary Ellen Capek
Jeff Braucher
James Anhalt
Dora Morales
Christiane Marler
Francoise-Marie Patorni
Russell Thornton

MEMBER NEWS

- **Rebecca Steritz** was NMBA's nominee for our scholarship for April's IBPA University in Austin. As an IBPA affiliate, NMBA may receive one scholarship a year.
- **Your NMBA** is a long term affiliate member of the **Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA)**. You are invited to attend IBPA's Publishing University that takes place on April 6 and 7 in Austin, Texas. Learn more and book yourself at www.ibpa-online.org or call (310) 546-1818.

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Authors, publishers, writers, designers, librarians, bookstore people, and related institutions may join NMBA at any time. You will have enduring connections with book professionals throughout New Mexico and well beyond! Membership is just \$50 for a very full year. Contact Administrator Leigh: admin@nmbook.org and (510) 292-7417.

NEW NMBA MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

A BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE charged with crafting new statements of NMBA's purpose and vision worked diligently to create a new and fresh NMBA Mission Statement and Vision Statement. The Board unanimously views these as clearer and more attuned to the present needs of current and new book people. NMBA continues to invite writers, authors, publishers, designers, printers, librarians and book advertising and marketing people and firms to join our successful association of over 23 years. Here they are:

Our Mission: *We are a professional organization providing support in the authorship, editing, design, creation, production, distribution, and marketing of books in all forms by providing networking opportunities, educational programs, book selling events, and expert advice for our members.*

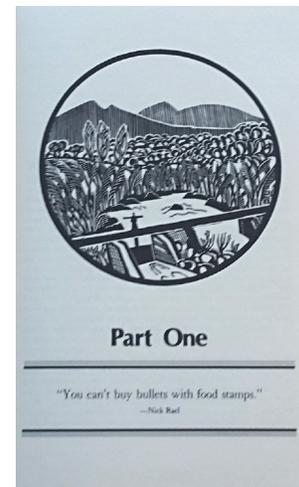
Our Vision: *As the publishing industry continues to evolve, we will provide our members with up-to-date information and support.*



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