



## Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year Award *Guidelines & Eligibility*

Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year Award is designed to promote small publishers in the Christian marketplace and bring recognition to outstanding Christian books from a small publisher.

### **Nomination of Books:**

- The nomination of a title must be made by the publisher of the book.
- Eligible publishers must be small presses with revenues of \$350,000 or less per year.
- Membership in Christian Small Publishers Association is NOT a requirement.
- Publishers may submit more than one title.

### **Eligibility:**

- Only perfect bound paperback or hardcover books are eligible. e-Books, audio, or spiral bound books are not eligible.
- Books must be published with a 2008 or 2009 copyright and released for sale in 2008 or 2009. New editions of previously published books are eligible. Reissued editions are not.
- Books submitted in previous years for the award may not be submitted again, unless they are a new edition with a new ISBN number.
- Books must be printed in English and available for sale in the United States.
- Books must be Christian in nature, promote the Christian faith, and intended for the Christian marketplace. The Christian marketplace is defined as the marketplace that is served by CBA member retail stores – mainly individuals who maintain Catholic or Protestant beliefs and doctrines.

### **Judging Process:**

- In conjunction with Small Press Month and to highlight the presence of small publishers in the Christian marketplace, CSPA will enlist Christian book readers and retailers to vote on the nominated titles in February and March 2010.
- The winners of the award will be the books that receive the most votes.
- Publishers nominating titles will be encouraged to help enlist Christian book readers and retailers to vote for the Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year.

### **Award:**

- Awards will be offered in eight categories: Fiction, Biography, Christian Living, Relationships/Family, Bible Study/Theology, Children's Book 4-8 years, Children's Book 8-12 years, and Young Adult (12+ years).

- Winners in each category will receive a Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year emblem for use on book covers, websites and other promotional materials and be able to order high-quality award stickers to affix to the front of book covers.
- Winning titles will be announced to the press and the book trade industry.
- The winning titles will be featured on CSPA's website and in CSPA's 2010 Product Catalog.
- The winners in each category will be notified by May 1, 2010 via email.

**Entry Fees:**

\$40.00 (in US funds) per title nominated. Fees are accepted by check or money order made payable to Christian Small Publishers Association.

**Deadline:**

Nomination form, fee, and one copy of the nominated book can be mailed throughout the year but must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2009 to be eligible.

Submit one copy of the printed book (no galleys or manuscripts) along with the nomination form and entry fee to:

**CSPA**  
**P.O. Box 481022**  
**Charlotte, NC 28269**

**Disclaimer:**

- All submitted books become the property of Christian Small Publishers Association (CSPA).
- CSPA reserves the right to reject a nominated title that does not appear to be published for the Christian marketplace or does not reflect the commonly held beliefs of the Christian marketplace. If a title is rejected, the entry fee will be returned to the nominating publisher.

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