



2026 Tejano Book Award
Sponsored by the Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin

The Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin sponsors an annual \$2,000.00 book prize for the best non-fiction scholarly book written about Tejano history, heritage, or genealogy. This year's entries must be published between **April 2025 and May 2026**. If you have a book that meets our criteria, please submit **FOUR** copies of your eligible book entries---one each to the three **Tejano Book Award** judges' panel and one to TGSA before the submission deadline of **June 15 of this year**.

This year's winner will receive:

- A check for \$2,000.00
- Winner will be recognized at the annual Texas State Genealogical and Historical Conference
- A paid one night's stay at the conference hotel along with two banquet tickets
- A book-signing sponsored by TGSA at the Conference.

This year's winner will be added to our distinguished roster of recent winners:

- Sam W. Haynes, **Unsettled Land: from Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas**, Basic Books, 2023
- Andrés Tijerina, **Beasley's Vaqueros: The Memories, Art and Poems of Ricardo Beasley**, TSHS, 2023
- Aaron E. Sanchez, **Homeland: Ethnic Mexican Belonging Since 1900**, University of Oklahoma Press, (2022)
- Omar Valerio-Jimenez, **Remembering Conquest: Mexican Americans, Memory, and Citizenship**, University of North Carolina Press, 2024

Published book entries must meet the following criteria:

1. Non-fiction, scholarly, and peer reviewed.
2. Focus relates to Tejano history, genealogy, or heritage.
3. Based on original research with full documentation, including a bibliography and footnotes or endnotes
4. Writing style is clear, precise, and well-organized.
5. Contains substantial primary sources taken from a variety of documents, images, and/or interviews.
6. Appeals to general public, genealogists, or scholars.
7. Illustrations, maps, photographs, and other visual materials supplement and relate to the topic of the book.
8. Dust jacket design, title, chapter layout, paper quality, and legible font/print enhance the quality and appeal of the book.
9. Author's thesis adds importance to the story.
10. Overall, the book is an enjoyable and interesting read that offers new information on the Tejano experience.
11. All works entered must be published in a print format.
12. Unpublished manuscripts and online publications will not be considered.
13. Entry must be the first published version of the work.

Please send one book entry to EACH of the following judges and TGSA:

Dr. Felipe Hinojosa
2555 Emerald Rdg
College Station, TX
77845

Dr. Carlos Blanton
3001 Coronado Dr.
College Station, TX
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Dr. Valerie A. Martinez
11111 Palomino Bend
San Antonio, TX
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Melva G. Codina
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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

TEJANO BOOK AWARD 2026

Please include only one title per Entry Form

Title: Author:
Publisher and Contact Person: Mailing Address: Email Address:
Author: Mailing Address: Email Address:
Check our website for information on date and place for this year's conference.

Notification and Deadlines:

- Mail **one copy of each book** to **all three judges and TGSA** (contact information listed on the previous page)
- You will be notified of receipt of books by e-mail. Submissions must be postmarked by the close of business day **June 15, 2026.**

Please email this completed entry form to Melva Codina at vleygurl45@outlook.com

For more information, please visit the Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin website at www.tgsaustin.org