EVANS BIOGRAPHY AWARDS FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 2018 & 2019

THE MOUNTAIN WEST CENTER FOR REGIONAL STUDIES AT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY IS SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR WELL-RESEARCHED & WELL-WRITTEN BIOGRAPHIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, OR EDITED MEMOIRS WITH A SIGNIFICANT CONNECTION TO THE INTERIOR WEST

Deadline for submission of books published in 2018 & 2019: February 3, 2020

AWARD CRITERIA:
To be considered for the biennial Evans Biography Award and Evans Handcart Award, books need to be well-researched and well-written and fit at least one of the following criteria:

- A biography, autobiography, or edited memoir of someone who lived a significant portion of his or her life in “Mormon Country”—that region historically influenced by Mormon institutions and social practices. The region is roughly an expanded Great Basin and Rocky Mountain region, extending south into Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, and north into southern Alberta, Canada (neither the biography's subject nor author need be affiliated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church).
- A well-researched history or family history in which the biographical material concerning the principal(s) is/are extensive and significant. The Interior West must be a significant setting.
- A collection of biographical portraits in which the individuals fit a unifying theme and understanding. The Interior West must be a significant setting.
- A biography or family history with significant biographical content dealing with nineteenth-century Mormon history, including the Palmyra, Kirtland, Nauvoo, and exodus periods.
- The Evans Handcart Award gives preference to first-time authors of full length books of biography, autobiography, or edited memoir about the Interior West. Writers of family history or memoir are especially encouraged to submit their published work.

AWARD CLASSIFICATION:
Authors or nominating publishers may self-identify the category under which they wish to be considered; however, the regional jury will screen all submissions and make the final determination about whether books best fit the criteria of the Evans Biography Award or the Evans Handcart Award.

Guidelines for best fit are as follows:

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<td>Preference given to strong, scholarly work</td>
<td>Preference given to work with a personal perspective (i.e., family story)</td>
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<td>Potential use as academic text or cited in other research</td>
<td>Should have a strong narrative &amp; good storytelling</td>
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<td>Use of solid research methods &amp; primary research</td>
<td>Can be a memoir (i.e., narrowly focused by a theme or span of time)</td>
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<td>Offers new insight, fresh approach, or innovative look at subject person or culture</td>
<td>Not required to be an exhaustive analysis of an entire life</td>
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<td>Typically expansive in time span</td>
<td>Preference given to a new author or an author new to the genre</td>
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<td>Maintains readability; is engaging</td>
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**AWARD SELECTION:**
The regional jury will choose up to four finalists for the Evans Biography Award and choose the winner of the Evans Handcart Award. The winner of the Evans Biography Award will be chosen from the finalists by a national jury. Past judges on the regional and national juries have included award-winning historians, biographers, and memoirists as well as western studies scholars and representatives from independent booksellers. The winning authors and publishers will be notified in July, and the presentation of the awards will take place at a ceremony at Utah State University in Fall 2020. *(No award will be given if jurors determine that no submission merits an award in any given award cycle.)*

**AWARD SUBMISSION:**
Send a submission cover sheet (available at [www.mountainwest.usu.edu](http://www.mountainwest.usu.edu)) with six copies of the book and one copy of the author’s resume to the address below. Books published in 2018 & 2019 may be sent at any time but no later than February 3, 2020.

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| Mountain West Center for Regional Studies  
Utah State University  
0735 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT  84322-0735 | Mountain West Center for Regional Studies  
Utah State University  
Old Main Building – Room 338  
Logan, UT  84322 |

Established by the Evans family in 1983 to honor David Woolley Evans and Beatrice Cannon Evans, and administered by the Mountain West Center since 1987, these awards recognize outstanding writing in the genres of biography and autobiography. David Evans (1894-1982) was a writer, editor, and founder of a large advertising and public relations firm that bore his name. Beatrice Evans (1894-1985) was an historian and family genealogist who edited the *Cannon Family Historical Treasury*, a six-generation history of her father’s family. She was also the genealogist and historian for her mother’s large Bennion family. Both David and Beatrice recognized the importance of publishing the stories of the people and families who shaped and were shaped by their sense of place in the Interior West.

**QUESTIONS:** Email: mwc@usu.edu; Phone: 435-797-0299; Website: [www.mountainwest.usu.edu](http://www.mountainwest.usu.edu)

**EVANS BIOGRAPHY AWARDS PAST WINNERS (ABBREVIATED LIST):**
(See website [www.mountainwest.usu.edu](http://www.mountainwest.usu.edu) for a complete list of award winners since 1983)

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<td>2000  Donald Worster – <em>A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell</em></td>
<td>2002  Margaret Bell (ed. Mary Clearman Blew) – <em>When Montana and I Were Young: A Frontier Childhood</em></td>
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<td>2016  Pete Fromm – <em>The Names of the Stars: A Life in the Wilds</em></td>
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EVANS HANDCART AWARD
SUBMISSION FORM

Book Title: ________________________________________________________

Author: ___________________________________________________________

Publisher: _________________________________________________________

Date Published: ___________________________________________________

Submitting for: (Check one or both)
   □ Evans Biography Award   □ Evans Handcart Award

Submitted By: _____________________________________________________
   (Check one)  □ Author  □ Publisher  □ Lit. Agent  □ Other __________

Author Contact Information

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ______________________________________________________________

Publisher Contact Information

Contact Name and Title: ______________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ______________________________________________________________

Enclosed  _____ Six (6) copies of the book  _____ Author bio / resume

How Did You Learn of the Awards? (Check all that apply)
   □ Direct solicitation by MWC staff
   □ Publisher is a regular submitter
   □ Through advertising at conference or a professional organization
   □ MWC website
   □ Direct mailing from MWC
   □ Word of mouth
   □ Other ________________________________________________________________