The Book Prize honors a cis or trans woman author or co-author for her work in advancing the dialogue about issues impacting women and girls. Established in 2007, this prize honors the legacy of Ernesta Drinker Ballard, a WOMEN’S WAY founder, first president of its Board of Directors and extraordinary champion for women and girls.

12th Annual Book Prize Nomination Guidelines:

1. Books must be authored or co-authored by a cis or trans woman. Co-authored books are eligible for the prize, but a cis or trans woman must have played a significant role in authoring the book.

2. Full-length books of fiction and nonfiction are eligible. Collections of short stories and collections of essays by one author are eligible. Collections of short stories and collections of essays compiled by an editor are not eligible.

3. The book must have been published between January 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019.

4. Books must be written or translated into English and must be available for purchase in the United States.

5. Previous recipients of the Book Prize are eligible. Books that have previously been nominated will not be reconsidered.

6. Books must address at least one of the following issues: Equality, Safety, Self-Sufficiency, Reproductive Freedom, Women’s Leadership, or Women’s History.

7. The book must align with the work of WOMEN’S WAY or not be in obvious opposition of our work.

8. Books must be accessible to a non-academic audience.

9. The author must be based in the United States.

Nomination Process and Deadline

Please return the nomination form with all requested information no later than September 13, 2019. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Muslin, Director of Operations, at 215-985-3322, ext. 226 or jmuslin@womensway.org

Mail to: WOMEN’S WAY
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Attn: Book Prize Nomination

Email to: bookprize@womensway.org
Subject: Book Prize Nomination

Please provide your name and contact information:

Name: ______________________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________
Primary Phone: ________________________________
Primary Email: ____________________________________
Please provide the following information about your nominated book:

Title: _________________________________

Author(s): _________________________________

Publication Date: _________________________________

Please indicate whether or not you have read this book.

☐ NO. I have not read the nominated book.

☐ YES. I have read the nominated book.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why do you feel this book should be considered?

2. Please describe how the book advances the dialogue about gender equity.

3. How does the book address equality, safety, self-sufficiency, reproductive freedom, or women’s history?