



# MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS

## MNBA Ceremony Intro Montage 2026 Finalist Script

*\*Please read verbatim except where marked otherwise.*

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**“Good evening! Welcome to the 38th annual Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony, presented by Education Minnesota. Tonight, we come together to celebrate the stories of Minnesotans. Stories like mine.**

**I’m from [name of city/town]. I’m thrilled to be here as a finalist! This is my [first, second etc.] Minnesota Book Awards Ceremony! I’m excited to be in community with you.**

**There were 281 submissions for this year’s program. Tonight, you’ll see awards presented live in nine book categories, to the recipient of the Hognander Minnesota History award, and recognition for the winner of the Kay Sexton Award. {continues on next page}**

**The Minnesota Book Awards is a program of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library as the Library of Congress-designated Minnesota Center for the Book. Thank you to The Friends and everyone who makes this event possible.**

**Thank you, Education Minnesota! Thank you, SPNN! Thank you, Ordway!  
And thank you, fellow writers! Thank you, fellow readers! Thank you,  
Minnesota!”**