



Legacy Book® Awards Eligibility and Nomination Criteria

- Awards are presented in **three categories**, based on target audience:
 Parent / Family ***Educators*** ***Scholars***
- Books are nominated for this award by their publishers. No publisher may nominate more than 2 books for any one category in a single competition year.
- Awards go to publishers and to the two primary authors or editors.
- Nominated books may be fiction or non-fiction.
- Nominated books must be available in English in the United States.
- **Only books with a copyright or publishing date of 2010 or 2011 will be accepted. If you nominate a 2011 book this year, it will not be eligible next year.** Only in the case of a revised edition may the same title compete more than one year. Revised editions may not compete until five (5) years after its previous nomination.
- Each book may only be nominated in one category.
- TAGT hosts one of the largest annual conferences in the country in gifted education, providing maximum exposure to publishers and authors of nominated books, and award winners. Publishers whose books are selected

Procedures:

- A nomination packet is available on the TAGT website, www.txgifted.org, or upon request.
- Publishers will send seven (7) copies of nominated books to TAGT. These competition copies will not be returned.
- Judges will be readers representing family members of gifted children, educators of gifted children, psychologists or other service providers of gifted children, researchers in the area of giftedness among children and youth, college or university faculty members with expertise in cognitive psychology or gifted education, and others at the discretion of TAGT. Readers from across the United States will judge books on national merit.
- TAGT has developed a trademarked logo and attractive sticker seals for the award. Winners are authorized to affix the seal to the book and use the seals on promotional material for this book. All other uses are prohibited unless permission is given in writing from TAGT.
- One award winner for each category will be announced. Gold, embossed Legacy Book™ Winner seals to be affixed to winning books will be available for purchase from TAGT at the conference and afterward at the TAGT office.

Timeline for 2010 Legacy Book[®] Awards

March 2010 – May 15, 2010

Publishers should complete and return to TAGT no later than May 15, 2010 the Legacy Book[™] nomination form and entry fee (\$50 per title), with seven (7) examination copies of each book. The form is available from TAGT's website or upon request. **Only books with a copyright or publishing date of 2010 or 2011 will be accepted. If you nominate a 2011 book this year, it will not be eligible next year.** Books will not be returned. TAGT may not accept incomplete forms.

May 2010

Books and evaluation materials are mailed to readers across the country. Publishers and authors will not be informed who is serving as a reviewer for their work. Any evidence of attempts on the part of authors or publishers to identify readers or to influence their votes may result in their book being disqualified. Such decisions will be made in collaboration between TAGT's President and Executive Director, whose decision will be final.

June - July 2010

Reviewers read books and complete rankings. Readers who complete and return rankings in a timely manner will be allowed to keep the competition copies of the books. If a review is not received by July 31, 2010, the reviewer will not be allowed to review during the next year's competition and will either return all books in good condition or will be billed for the replacement cost of any unreturned books.

July - August 2010

Rush readers will receive and review books. These readers will be necessary only if books were not adequately ranked due to lack of completion by reviewers or due to a tie.

October 15, 2010

By October 15, 2010, TAGT will announce the winners in each category. Once they have been publicly announced by TAGT, publishers and authors may publicize their book's status as a Legacy Book[™] winner and use the logo in their materials. *As soon as possible, send TAGT the names of all representatives for your winning book that will be attending the conference and specify the person(s) who will receive the award at the ceremony during the 1st general session, should your title win.*

October 15, 2010

Publishers must be registered to exhibit at TAGT's Annual Professional Development Conference in November or must arrange to have TAGT exhibit the books for them. Those who are not registered by October 15, or who have not contacted TAGT to arrange for an *individual book exhibit**, will not be eligible to have their books win. Rates for exhibiting at TAGT's convention will not exceed industry standards.

December 3, 2010

Awards will be handed out! Please make sure that you have submitted to TAGT the names of the person(s) that may accept the award at the first General Session of November's annual conference should your title win. Winners in each category will be selected on the following basis:

- Highest total ranking across three criteria used to assess books in its category.
- In the case of a tie the criteria are prioritized with the book scoring highest on the priority criteria prevailing.
- In the case of a tie across all criteria the TAGT Executive Director will select three, qualified readers not among those who read for the category in question to read and vote for the winning book.

The timeline, procedures, and management of the Legacy Book™ awards may be adjusted at any time by TAGT. No changes made by TAGT during a competition year may unduly advantage or disadvantage any books that have already been nominated. The TAGT Board shall determine whether any proposed change is allowable and their decision will be final.

*Please see "Individual Book Exhibit" addendum for details.

Note: In order to ensure that finalists reflect the best selection of publications, TAGT may opt not to give awards for a category in which there are insufficient nominees. Nomination fees will be reimbursed to any publisher nominating books in a category not deemed sufficiently competitive.

Factors Considered in Selecting a LEGACY BOOK®

Parent/Family Book

- Has long-term potential for positively influencing the lives of gifted children/youth.
- Has potential for improving family lives of gifted children/youth.
- Is readable.

Educator Book

- Has long-term potential for positively influencing the lives of gifted children/youth.
- Has potential for improving educator understanding of students with gifts and talents and/or improving educational practices on their behalf. ("Educator" is conceived broadly, including teachers, administrators, school counselors, and others employed in the education system.)
- Is readable.

Scholar Book

- Has long-term potential for positively influencing the lives of gifted children/youth.
- Is likely to increase theoretical understanding and/or promising practices addressing giftedness, gifted children, creative productivity, and/or gifted education.
- Presents new ideas or combines existing ideas in a particularly compelling manner.