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CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS NEW LITERARY SUBMISSIONS THAT PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA'S RICH HISTORY

- *Winning manuscript will receive a \$5,000 advance and publication of the work in both print and ebook formats*
- *Ideal manuscripts should promote a deeper understanding of California's history and interest wide-range of readers.*

San Francisco (March 7, 2013) – The California Historical Society (CHS) in partnership with Heyday, an independent, nonprofit publisher, is seeking book manuscript submissions that celebrate California's heritage for the annual California Historical Society Book Award.

The CHS Book Award seeks to promote and recognize exciting new literary work that connects with a broad public about an aspect of California's past. The ideal manuscript will inform the minds and delight the imaginations of readers while generating a deeper understanding of the state's rich history.

"We are excited to call out to scholars, historians and writers alike encouraging them to submit a lively and engaging scholarly manuscript about our great state," said Anthea Hartig, Executive Director of the California Historical Society. "California's history is filled amazing stories of character, adversity, opportunity, hope and heartache. This award is a wonderful opportunity to seek out bright new scholarly works that will engross the public and shed new light on our past."



In addition to conventional works of historical scholarship, other genres will also be considered, such as biographies, collections of letters or essays, and creative nonfiction. Applications are due by July 1, 2014 and the winning author will receive a \$5,000 advance and publication of the manuscript in both print and e-book formats by CHS and Heyday.

Entries will be judged by a panel of noted historians, scholars, and publishing experts. Potential candidates may be contacted for additional information. The winner will be announced on September 15, 2014. Publication will be approximately one year after a fully completed manuscript and all graphics are accepted.

All eligible manuscripts should be broad enough to be of interest to readers throughout the state and manuscripts, when finished, should be at least 40,000 words. Interested participants can submit a manuscript in progress or finished to editor@heydaybooks.com and must include: a cover letter of introduction; a brief description of the project; an annotated table of contents; a statement as to the need or desirability of photographs, maps, or other graphics, with examples; and a sample chapter (double-spaced, standard font and font size). More details about the CHS Book Award can be found at www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/publications/book_award.html or www.heydaybooks.com/chsbookaward.

In addition, scholars working on amazing projects better suited for an article-length publication, can submit their manuscripts for consideration in *California History*, now published in association with the University of California Press. Manuscripts, including endnotes, must not be less than 8,000 words and must not exceed 14,000 words. All article submissions must be accompanied by an abstract no longer than 500 words, additional information can be found online at <http://ucpressjournals.com/journal.php?j=ch>

About the California Historical Society: The California Historical Society is a 142-year-old, non-profit organization with a mission to inspire and empower people to make California's richly diverse past a meaningful part of their contemporary lives. We hold one of the top research collections on California history, which includes over 35,000 volumes of books and pamphlets, more than 4,000 manuscript collections, and about 500,000 photographs documenting California's social, cultural, economic, and political history and development, including some of the most cherished and valuable documents and images of California's past. Learn more at www.californiahistoricalsociety.org.

About Heyday: Heyday is an independent, nonprofit publisher and unique cultural institution that promotes widespread awareness and celebration of California's many cultures, landscapes, and boundary-breaking ideas. Through its well-crafted books, public events, and innovative outreach programs, Heyday is building a vibrant community of readers, writers, and thinkers. Learn more at www.heydaybooks.com.

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