

POWER OF THE SPIRIT RECOGNIZED

The *Power of the Spirit*, the most recent publication by Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, Inc., San Jose, California, received **Best Nonfiction Multi-Author** award by Instituto Cervantes in New York, at the **2013 International Latino Book Awards**.

This is the 15th year for the International Latino Book Awards celebrating solid growth and increasing quality within the realm of Latino publishing. The Awards, already the largest awards in the USA celebrating achievements in Latino literature, are leading a wave of cultural and economic development within the Latino community.

The awards will be presented by **Latino Literacy Now** in partnership with Las Comadres para las Americas and Instituto Cervantes on May 30, 2013, at Instituto Cervantes in New York City.

This year sponsors are: Premium--Libros Publishing; Gold--Scholastic; and Bronze--Atria Books and Vaso Roto Ediciones. Additional support is provided by University of Arizona Press and Arte Público Press.

Each year the Awards are held during Book Expo America, the largest publishing trade show in the USA. Last year 148 publishers and authors were honored.

Latino Literacy Now was co-founded by Edward James Olmos to promote literacy within the community in all forms: educational, financial, reading, and community awareness. Since 1997 a total of 51 Latino Book & Family Festivals have been held around the USA within a combined attendance of over 870,000. **Latino Literacy Now** also conducts the **Latino Books into Movies Awards** in an effort to increase the number of Latino themed films that are produced.

Other Portuguese entry categories:

Best Young Adult Book in Portuguese

O Sangue de Tua Tinta, Daniel Spindola Riberio, Thesaurus Editora de Brasília

Best Book - Nonfiction in Portuguese

Não Existe Crime Perfeito, Marcos Linhares, Thesaurus Editora de Brasília

“Só o Amor”, Sri Daya Mata, Self-Realization Fellowship

Viva Sem Medo (Living Fearlessly), Paramahansa Yogananda, Self-Realization Fellowship

Best Book - Fiction in Portuguese

Almagesto: Contos Anímicos, Adriana Kortlandt, Thesaurus Editora de Brasília

O Gestor, O Político e O Ladrão, Judivan J. Vieira, Thesaurus Editora de Brasília

Surtei!, Cleunice de Arruda Castro, Thesaurus Editora de Brasília

Best Nonfiction - Multi-Author

Count on Me, Las Comadres Para Las Americas, Atria Books

Inheritance: Discovering the Richness of the Latino Culture and Family, Dr. Lorena G. Gonzalez & Lisa Trevino Cummins, Urban Strategies

Power of The Spirit: A Portuguese Journey of Building Faith and Churches in California, Joe Machado, Ferreira Moreno, José Do Couto Rodrigues, Portuguese Heritage Publications of California, Inc

The Arhoolie Foundation's Strachwitz Frontera Collection of Mexican and Mexican American Recordings, Agustin Gurza, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

POWER OF THE SPIRIT SALES

In Sacramento, *Power of the Spirit* is available for purchase from PHCS via **Dolores Silva Greenslate** at 916-421-3972, and at **Balshor Florist** on 2661 Riverside Blvd., 916-441-3023. Total cost is \$45. Otherwise, it may be ordered at www.portuguesebooks.org, or 408-272-1222.