

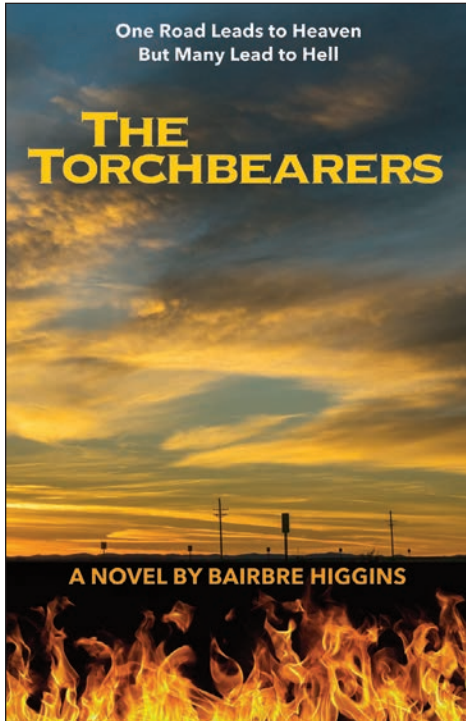


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Thriller Set in New Mexico Selected as Finalist for Eric Hoffer Book Award

JUNE 1, 2021: SANTA FE, NM—Terra Nova Books is pleased to announce that **Bairbre Higgins'** gripping thriller, *The Torchbearers*, has been selected as a Grand Prize Finalist for the Eric Hoffer Book Award, one of the largest international book awards for small, academic, and independent presses (www.HofferAward.com).

Each year, the Hoffer Award honors independent books of exceptional merit in categories such as art, children's books, young adult, and adult fiction and nonfiction.

Higgins' debut novel tells the story of Ariel Mignolet, a burned-out fund manager seeking sanctuary in the New Mexico desert near an isolated settlement steeped in religious fundamentalism. When the police officer he's come to love is brutally murdered, the investigation

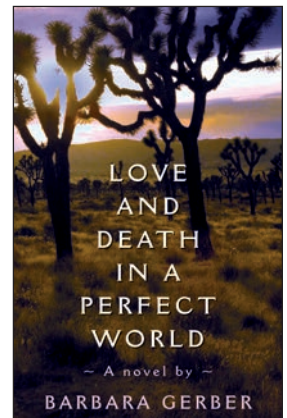
that follows unearths the truth about powerful local figures whose prejudice and deception have torn families apart for decades. Unfolding in a land of ghost towns and restless spirits, *The Torchbearers* is a tale of how love for God and neighbor can suddenly turn deadly.

Hoffer Medal Competition Honored Previous Terra Nova Book

Santa Fe author **Barbara Gerber's** debut novel *Love and Death in A Perfect World* was a 2019 runner up for the Eric Hoffer Montaigne Medal, given to "the most thought-provoking books. These are books that either illuminate, progress, or redirect thought."

Love and Death in a Perfect World follows the arc of a woman's life from tender adolescence to hard-edged middle age, offering a fresh, honest look at women's lives today. Set in Joshua Tree National Park, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Santa Fe, NM, the novel examines a broad range of human relationships, making readers question what we're all doing with this baffling gift of life, the mystery of love, and the burden of death.

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