

# ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

## Book of the Year 2022

**WINNER:** *Genica*, Neth Hass, Anna, IL

Everything about this book is original, starting with the title—a word the author reports having heard in a dream and which, because it combines a familiar root and a common suffix, is immediately understandable as meaning “products of creativity.” The title is apt.

The carpenter-poet who made this book knows words as well as wood, poetic technique as well as hammers and nails. He knows how to wield language to great effect, notably in memorable narratives and engaging meditative monologues. And besides the poetry itself, he has made—that is, designed—a book that is physically pleasurable to read—comfortable in the hand, easy on the eyes.

Excerpts from Judge, Eleanor Berry

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**RUNNER-UP:** *A Matter of Dark Matter*  
Kate Hutchinson, Palatine, IL

As the title suggests, the poetry in this book has a wide perspective—social, environmental, even cosmic. But its strength derives from its being rooted in the personal, in an individual woman’s experience in and of her body. It draws the reader into that experience.

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