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**USABOOKNEWS.COM ANNOUNCES WINNERS AND
FINALISTS OF THE "BEST BOOKS 2006"
BOOK AWARDS**

LOS ANGELES – USABookNews.com, the premiere online magazine and review website for mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalists of its "BEST BOOKS 2006" BOOK AWARDS (BBA) on October 16, 2006. 408 winners and finalists were announced in over 120 categories covering print, audio, e-books and interactive CD-ROMs. Awards were presented for titles published in 2006 and late 2005.

Jeff Bowen, president and publisher of USABookNews.com, said this year's contest yielded an unprecedented number of over 1200 entries, which were then narrowed to 408 winners and finalists.

Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections placed first as the Award-Winning Finalist in two categories: Photography: People and Photography: Cultural Anthropology.

Bowen says of the awards, now in their fourth year, "The 2006 results represent a phenomenal mix of books from a wide array of publishers throughout the United States. As an executive in the publishing PR and marketing industry and president of both USABookNews.com and PublInsider.com, I wanted to create an awards competition that recognized books in their publication year rather than months after the original launch window. With a full publicity and marketing campaign promoting the results of BBA, this year's winners and finalists will gain additional media coverage for the upcoming holiday retail season."

Apron Chronicles: A Patchwork of American Recollections may be purchased through the exhibit website . www.apronchronicles.com. photographer Kristina Loggia @ www.kristinaloggia.com or writer and apron curator EllynAnne Geisel @ www.apronmemories.com. EllynAnne and Kristina are also available to talk about their exhibit and the award-winning catalogue. Contact info is available on their websites.

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