

'The Love Dare' Wins SEPA Award at Expolit

For the second consecutive year, *Desafio del amor*, the Spanish translation of *The Love Dare* by Fireproof movie-making brothers Stephen and Alex Kendrick (published in English by B&H Books in 2008), won the **Harold Kregel Book of the Year** award for 2010, during the Spanish Evangelical Products Association (SEPA) Awards.

The winners were named last night in Miami at the 19th annual Expolit convention, the largest trade show in the U.S. for Spanish-language Christian products.

Published by B&H Español, *Desafio del amor* was also recognized as the Harold Kregel 2009 Book of the Year award for "most inspiring and impactful book." "Sales of the book peaked in the U.S. around the time the movie Fireproof came out, but in Latin America the wave didn't arrive till later," said B&H Publishing Group Vice President of International Sales Jim Cook, noting that more than 400,000 copies of the book have been sold. B&H Español also won the Best Catalog.

Additionally, *Desafio del amor* received a Platinum Award for lifetime sales of at least 250,000, at last night's awards.

Zondervan's Spanish-language division, Editorial Vida, won two of the five major SEPA awards, including **Publisher of the Year** and *Best Original Book* for *En honor al Espíritu Santo* (*In Honor of the Holy Spirit*) by Cash Luna. The book was also recognized with a Gold Award (sales of at least 100,000).

Miami-based Luciano Books was named for **Distributor of the Year**.

Editorial Portavoz (Kregel Publications' Spanish imprint) won the **Best-Selling Nonfiction Book** for *La gratitud* and *El perdon*

(*Choosing Gratitude* and *Choosing Forgiveness*—two books in one). Written by Nancy Leigh DeMoss, the books were published in English by Moody Publishers.

Editorial Portavoz was also recognized with two Gold Awards for *El martir de las catacumbas* (*Martyr of the Catacombs*—published in English by Barbour Publishing) and *Biblia de estudio MacArthur* (*The MacArthur Study Bible*—published in English by Thomas Nelson) by John MacArthur.

Editorial Unilit garnered Platinum Awards for *Buenos dias Espiritu Santo* (*Good Morning, Holy Spirit*—published in English by Thomas Nelson) by Benny Hinn and the *Santa Biblia Reina Valera Revisada 1960* (*Holy Bible RVR 1960 version*).

Charisma Media's Spanish group, Casa Creacion was recognized with two Gold Awards for *iEl cielo es tan real!* (*Heaven Is So Real!*) by Choo Thomas and *Controlando sus emociones* (*Managing Your Emotions*, published in English by FaithWords) by Joyce Meyer.

Also honored with two Gold Awards were Editorial Unilit for *Cuando lo que Dios hace no tiene sentido* (*When God Doesn't Make Sense*, published in English by Tyndale House Publishers) by James Dobson and Sociedades B blicas Unidas (United Bible Societies) for *Biblia Amigos por siempre* (*Friends Forever Bible*).

Editorial Vida won the **Best Book Cover Award** for *Biblia mi dia con Dios* (*My Day with God Bible*) and *Best Ad for Cristiano ateo* (*The Christian Atheist*) by Craig Groeschel—both published in English by Zondervan.

During the SEPA gala dinner and awards, Florida Congressman David Rivera presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to keynote speaker and author Luis Palau for "outstanding and invaluable service to the community."

Sociedades Biblicas Unidas also unveiled its newest Spanish Bible translation, *Reina Valera Contemporanea*, which updates the popular *Reina Valera 1960* translation.

Expolit 2011 runs through tomorrow, May 24 at the Doubletree Hotel & Miami Airport Convention Center in Miami.

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