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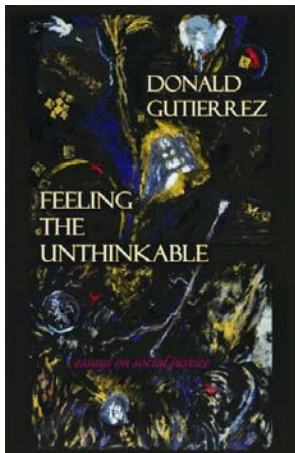
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Huzzah!

Amador Publishers, LLC wins the double in 2013 NM-AZ Book Awards.

Results of the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards are in, and Amador Publishers is two for two, with both of its new releases winning their respective categories. *Feeling the Unthinkable: Essays on Social Justice* by Donald Gutierrez won for Political book, and *From Fear to Love: My Journey Beyond Christianity* by Harry Willson won for Philosophy book. Amador Publishers continues to stand out as a little press that grapples with big ideas to provide stimulating fare for mind and soul.



Feeling the Unthinkable presents 48 essays and book reviews previously published in an array of noteworthy periodicals, in which Gutierrez reminds us how the past haunts the present. This exploration of unsettling subjects such as state terrorism and economic injustice takes an unflinching look at techniques used by the United States before and after 9/11. J. Glenn Evans of *PoetsWest* calls Gutierrez's writings a "literary feast . . . we feel our humanity rise."

Gutierrez published six books of literary criticism during his career as a professor of Humanities and English. He received a "New Mexico Eminent Scholar Award" in 1989 and was a highly respected authority on the works of D. H. Lawrence, a former resident of Taos, New Mexico, and San Francisco poet Kenneth Rexroth, whom Gutierrez knew personally.

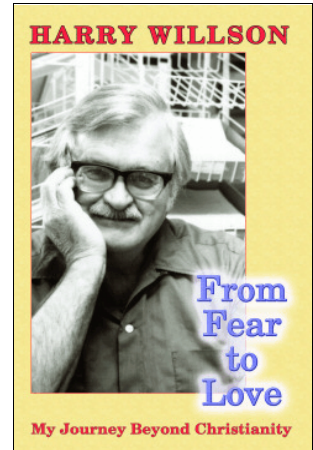
After retirement from Western New Mexico University, Professor Gutierrez turned his attention to current events and political activism, successfully carving out a new literary role canvassing and critiquing the latest exposés and political analyses during the "war on terror" period.

Donald Gutierrez died on October 29, 2013 at the age of 81. He has left his mark on the literary world and will be remembered as a man who cared about people and poetry and never doubted the power of either.



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From Fear To Love: My Journey Beyond Christianity is the posthumously published memoir of Harry Willson. A former clergyman, Willson reflects on his personal conclusions about life, faith, and death, as informed by his extensive study and committed activism. Willson moved to New Mexico in 1958 to serve as a bi-lingual missionary pastor. During this time he answered the call of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for clergy to come east and support the Freedom Riders. Willson was present when MLK delivered his “How Long, Not Long” speech and continued to work in the civil rights movement and then the anti-war movement. He resigned from his ministry in the mid-1960s and became a high school English teacher, then retired in the early '80s to devote himself to his writing.



Willson published seven books, fiction and non-fiction, before his death on March 9, 2010 at the age of 77. He left behind a substantial amount of unpublished material, of which *From Fear To Love* was slated to be the next manuscript to go to press. The work was edited by Zelda Gatuskin, who has succeeded Willson as editor-in-chief of Amador Publishers, the press he founded with his wife Adela Amador.

Willson’s humanistic and often humorous perspective offers a fresh look at religion, education, politics and relationships. Harry Willson wrote about complex ideas with an instructive, loving voice and plain-spoken, uncompromising honesty that will continue to endear him to readers. Over the years, more than a few have said that reading his books changed their lives.

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