

## 2020 BOOK JURY

### Pete Takeda



Pete Takeda is a writer and professional climber. He is a former WGA screenwriter and writes for *Alpinist*, *Rock and Ice*, *Outside*, and *Backpacker*. Takeda is author of *National Geographic Extreme Sports: Climb!* (2002), and *An Eye at the Top of the World* (2006).

He is a long-time sponsored athlete for Marmot Mountain. Over the last three decades, Takeda has climbed in the Himalayas, Alaska, the Andes, Scotland,

Iceland, the Alps, Australia, China and most parts in between. He's led twelve expeditions to the Himalayas, competed in the X-Games and appears on national television and print ads.

### Helen Rolfe



Helen Rolfe is a professional writer and editor of mountain literature. Her most recent book, *Honouring High Places: The Mountain Life of Junko Tabei*, won the 2018 Mountaineering History Award at the Banff Mountain Book Competition and was shortlisted for the 2018 Boardman Tasker Prize. She lives in Canmore, Alberta.

### Nandini Purandare



Nandini Purandare loves the Himalaya. Apart from having trekked and travelled extensively in this region for over 35 years she finds other ways to stay connected. Among them are editing the Himalayan Journal, reading mountain literature, administering the Himalayan Club as its Hon Secretary, and finally writing her first book. Since 2012, Nandini and her colleague have been collecting oral histories of the climbing Sherpas of Darjeeling--they are determined to tell the stories of this indomitable group of people without whom early exploration in the Himalaya would not have been possible.