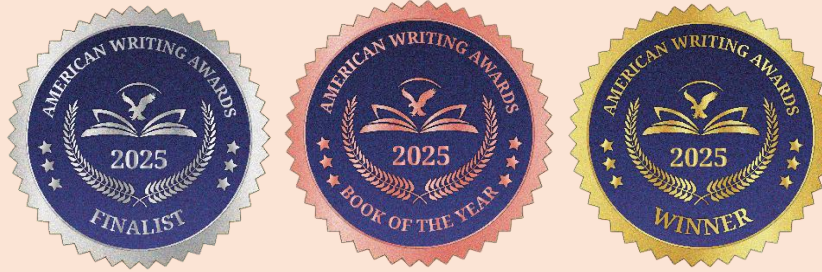


## 2025 AMERICAN WRITING AWARDS WINNERS AND FINALISTS



### Academic/Education

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Artist Academic*

AUTHOR NAME: Patricia Leavy

PUBLISHER NAME: Paper Stars Press

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE 3*

AUTHOR NAME: Timeout A Taumua

PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Uncovering Your Mind: How the Brain Learns and Adapts*

AUTHOR NAME: Henry Oh

PUBLISHER NAME: Henry Oh

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Arithmetic Counts!: Why Americans Have Trouble with Math and How to Fix It*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul Shoecraft

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bloomsbury Photographs*

AUTHOR NAME: Maggie Humm

PUBLISHER NAME: Yale University Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Learning Through Play for Children with PMLD and Complex Needs: Using Purposeful Play to Support Cognition, Mental Health and Wellbeing*

AUTHOR NAME: Ange Anderson

PUBLISHER NAME: Routledge

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hair Loss: Options for Restoration and Reversal 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*

AUTHOR NAME: Gustavo J. Gomez, Ph. D

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hispanic Perspectives on Student Support and Community Empowerment*

AUTHOR NAME: Angello Villarreal - Editor-in-Chief

PUBLISHER NAME: IGI Global

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hispanic Scholar Perspectives on Education and Wellbeing*

AUTHOR NAME: Angello Villarreal - Editor-in-Chief

PUBLISHER NAME: IGI Global

## **Animals/Pets-General**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *American Tiger*

AUTHOR NAME: Adam Skolnick

PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Animal Revenge (sequel to General Jack and the Battle of the Five Kingdoms)*

AUTHOR NAME: David Bush

PUBLISHER NAME: David Bush

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Animals DO Talk: What Animals Tell Me They Want You to Know*

AUTHOR NAME: Carrie O'Neill

PUBLISHER NAME: Possibilities Farm Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *DANCE WHILE THE FIRE BURNS: Family, Identity, and Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Ann Lucas

PUBLISHER NAME: Trot Town Studios Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Your Doodle's Daily Schedule Blueprint™: From Hyper to Happy — Proven*

*Routines for a Calmer, Happier Doodle*

AUTHOR NAME: Corinne Gearhart, The Doodle Pro®

PUBLISHER NAME: The Doodle Pro Academy Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Margot and the Wise Turtle*

AUTHOR NAME: Brennan O'Dea

PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lying Down with Dogs*  
AUTHOR NAME: Linda Caradine  
PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *You are SUPER, Penny!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Candace Laskowski  
PUBLISHER NAME: Candace Laskowski

### **Autobiography/Memoir**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little Boy, I Know Your Name*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mitchell Raff  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chasing Sex: Wanting Love, Finding Myself – a memoir*

AUTHOR NAME: Patti Britton  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Motion Dazzle: A Memoir of Motherhood, Loss, and Skating on Thin Ice*

AUTHOR NAME: Jocelyn Jane Cox  
PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *DANCE WHILE THE FIRE BURNS: Family, Identity, and Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Ann Lucas  
PUBLISHER NAME: Trot Town Studios Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Artist Academic*

AUTHOR NAME: Patricia Leavy

PUBLISHER NAME: Paper Stars Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *...And Then I Would Fly*

AUTHOR NAME: Damien Thompson

PUBLISHER NAME: Transitional Characters Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Breakfast Wine: A Memoir of Chasing an  
Unconventional Life and Finding a Way Home*

AUTHOR NAME: Alex Poppe

PUBLISHER NAME: Apprentice House Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nether Land: High School Temptation, Insurance  
Haze, Stolen Resolution, and Murder*

AUTHOR NAME: Kem Hinton

PUBLISHER NAME: Tenebo Publishing Company

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sky Ranch: Reared in the High Country*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda M. Lockwood

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Path of Rocks and Thorns: Leadership Lessons  
from a Prison*

AUTHOR NAME: Douglas Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Manuscripts

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Such a Pretty Picture: A Memoir*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Leeb

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Safe Landing: A Family's Journey Following the Crash of American Airlines Flight 191*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim Jockl, Melody Smith, Jim Borchers

PUBLISHER NAME: Long Overdue

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Steel Soldier: Guadalcanal Odyssey*

AUTHOR NAME: James J. Messina with Charles Messina

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Marinovich: Outside the Lines in Football, Art, and Addiction*

AUTHOR NAME: Todd Marinovich and Lizzy Wright

PUBLISHER NAME: Matt Holt Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soldier's Life: A Black Woman's Rise from Army Brat to Six Triple Eight Champion*

AUTHOR NAME: Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, U.S. Army

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Virginia Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Surviving The Law: From Undocumented Immigration to Doctors, Lawyers and Scientists*

AUTHOR NAME: Jose R. Campos

PUBLISHER NAME: The Philemon Foundation

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Odyssey Moscow: One American's Journey from Russia Optimist to Prisoner of the State*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Calvey

PUBLISHER NAME: The History Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Joy Prescriptions: How I Learned to Stop Chasing Perfection and Embrace Connection*

AUTHOR NAME: Tiffany Moon

PUBLISHER NAME: Legacy Lit

FULL BOOK TITLE: *YES, this really did happen*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert F. Byrne

PUBLISHER NAME: Robert F. Byrne

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GETTING SAUCED—How I Learned Everything I Know About Food from Working in TV*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen S. Katz

PUBLISHER NAME: Morgan James Publishing

### **Best Cover Design-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mr. Fox Sells Pockets*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scars of Sand and Soil*

AUTHOR NAME: Jean K. Kravitz

PUBLISHER NAME: Acorn Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Off Edge*  
AUTHOR NAME: Addison Brae  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *With His Words I'm Not Alone*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lucas Ryker  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lucas Ryker

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Clique to a Cult*  
AUTHOR NAME: Justin Foster  
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chronicles of the Enchanted Vanguard: Seraphina and the Divine Mandate*  
AUTHOR NAME: Luminescence Goh  
PUBLISHER NAME: Partridge Publishing Singapore

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Monsters Don't Say Meep: Even the tiniest roar can make the biggest difference*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bridgetta Tomarchio  
PUBLISHER NAME: Plot Twist Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GRQ: Get Rich Quick*  
AUTHOR NAME: Steven Bernstein  
PUBLISHER NAME: Fly on the Wall Press

## **Best Cover Design-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GIRL in FLIGHT*

AUTHOR NAME: Catherine Buchanan Richardson

PUBLISHER NAME: Woodbridge Publishers

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Canopies of Bones and Breathable Air*

AUTHOR NAME: Wanda McNabb

PUBLISHER NAME: Thorncraft Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hello? Who Is This? Margaret?*

AUTHOR NAME: Dani Alpert

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild Thing and The Bagel*

AUTHOR NAME: Erin L. Neal

PUBLISHER NAME: Fulton Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Awakening Stories*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Allison Brown (anthology editor); 23 other authors

PUBLISHER NAME: Palm and Lotus Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*

AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

## **Best New (Debut) Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Everything We Thought Was True*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Montanaro

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Adept Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GRQ: Get Rich Quick*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Bernstein

PUBLISHER NAME: Fly on the Wall Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seer*

AUTHOR NAME: Raquel Y. Levitt

PUBLISHER NAME: Acorn Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Brooklyn*

AUTHOR NAME: Ed McBride

PUBLISHER NAME: MindStir Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bluejacket's Manual*

AUTHOR NAME: John McCarthy

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *That Kind of Girl*

AUTHOR NAME: Jacey Bici

PUBLISHER NAME: JCBC Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Byline for the Dead: A Novel of Labor, Conspiracy, a Bloody Uprising and Two Ambitious Journalists*

AUTHOR NAME: Ray Welling

PUBLISHER NAME: The Sager Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Certain Man*  
AUTHOR NAME: Linda Dindzans  
PUBLISHER NAME: Scrivenings press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scars of Sand and Soil*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jean K. Kravitz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Acorn Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Swimming with Manatees*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bill Bennett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bill Bennett

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Space to Exhale*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Hurley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Wiley

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hanged by Fate*  
AUTHOR NAME: Rowan Wolf  
PUBLISHER NAME: Alex Parker Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Game of Infinite Curvature*  
AUTHOR NAME: Zorana S. Jean Manic  
PUBLISHER NAME: Infinite Spirit

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silent Soldiers*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kendall C. Stark  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kendall C. Stark

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deadly Vision*  
AUTHOR NAME: T.D. Severin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Penmore Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE SINS WE INHERIT*  
AUTHOR NAME: CARLO J. EMANUELE  
PUBLISHER NAME: VERDE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Wingman*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tessa King  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tessa King

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Remembering Demons*  
AUTHOR NAME: J. Cornelius  
PUBLISHER NAME: Fourier Publishing

### **Best New (Debut) Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Motion Dazzle: A Memoir of Motherhood, Loss, and Skating on Thin Ice*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jocelyn Jane Cox  
PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Miscalculated Risks: Attacked, Crippled, Paralyzed, Drowning, Unconscious and Freezing in The Wild (Just Not All at Once)*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cooper  
PUBLISHER NAME: Larrea Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GOING FOR IT!: Advice, Wisdom, and Hail Mary Moments From the Stars*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul Salfen  
PUBLISHER NAME: Clovercroft Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *DANCE WHILE THE FIRE BURNS: Family, Identity, and Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Ann Lucas  
PUBLISHER NAME: Trot Town Studios Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Struggle Smarter Write More. A Guide From Procrastination to Creative Flow.*

AUTHOR NAME: Constantin Weber  
PUBLISHER NAME: Constantin Weber

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Avoiding the Great Filter: Illuminating Pathways to Humanity's Future in the Cosmos*

AUTHOR NAME: Jonathan H. Jiang  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Back from Suicide: Before and After the Essential Patrick*

AUTHOR NAME: Marie Lisette Rimer  
PUBLISHER NAME: Hillside Woods

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HEARTLAND HIGHWAYS: In Search of America*

AUTHOR NAME: John W. Butler  
PUBLISHER NAME: Story Road Press - Release date: October 1, 2025

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Forever Fly Free*

AUTHOR NAME: Jenny Brandemuehl  
PUBLISHER NAME: Regalo Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Soul Can You: How Expanded Consciousness Cultivates Spiritual Awakening, Trauma Healing, and Creative Breakthroughs*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Gilbert, MD

PUBLISHER NAME: Archangel Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Portrait of the Author as a Young Atomist: Reminiscences of A Developmental Ontology*

AUTHOR NAME: Sheldon Katz

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

### **Biography-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Catching Babies*

AUTHOR NAME: Ita Gold M.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Life of Apostle John: A Journey of Faith and Revelation*

AUTHOR NAME: Elder Willie Foster

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What About KOREA? Homer B. Hulbert: Champion of Korean Independence, Justice, and Humanity*

AUTHOR NAME: DongJin Kim

PUBLISHER NAME: Hollym Corp., Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Great Exchange: Moving Away from Religion and Closer to God*

AUTHOR NAME: Aneasa Perez

PUBLISHER NAME: Trilogy Christian Publishing

**Business-Entrepreneurship and Small Business**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rainbow Gold: Building a Business That's Both the Journey and the Destination*

AUTHOR NAME: David Hampson

PUBLISHER NAME: MindStir Media

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Profitable Author: 1,001 Ways to Build a Business You Love Around Your Books*

AUTHOR NAME: Sharon Woodhouse

PUBLISHER NAME: Everything Goes Media, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Win-Win Workplace: How Thriving Employees Drive Bottom-Line Success*

AUTHOR NAME: Angela Jackson

PUBLISHER NAME: Berrett-Koehler Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Climb Greater Heights: How to Accelerate Your Business Growth, Amplify Your Success, and Build a Legacy of Significance*

AUTHOR NAME: Tony Jeton Selimi

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

## **Business-General**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Win-Win Workplace: How Thriving Employees  
Drive Bottom-Line Success*

AUTHOR NAME: Angela Jackson

PUBLISHER NAME: Berrett-Koehler Publishers

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Digital Dominion: Smartphones, Social Media, and  
Jesus*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Thomas Trimble

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## **Business-Management and Leadership**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Transcend: Unlocking Humanity in the Age of AI*

AUTHOR NAME: Faisal Hoque

PUBLISHER NAME: Post Hill Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Built on Purpose: Lessons in Leadership and Culture*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul Petera

PUBLISHER NAME: Petera Leadership Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *EMOTION RULES*  
AUTHOR NAME: JOSHUA FREEDMAN  
PUBLISHER NAME: Six Seconds

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Values Based Organizations: Aligning Cultures and Strategies*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Thomas Epperson  
PUBLISHER NAME: InnerWill Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Clip Toenails for a Living: A Unique Path to Success*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marcin N. Vaclaw  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Doctor's Future: A Blueprint for Future-Proofing Your Profession and for Healthcare Decision Makers Leading the Evolution of AI/Robotics-Powered Medicine*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Pietro Emanuele Garbelli  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Outer Game of Leadership: How to Unite and Inspire Teams in Times of Challenge & Crisis*  
AUTHOR NAME: Paul O Neil  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lantern & Light Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BUILDING A THRIVING FUTURE: NAVIGATING THE METAVERSE AND MULTIVERSE*  
AUTHOR NAME: PAOLA CECCHI DIMEGLIO  
PUBLISHER NAME: THE MIT PRESS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reimagining Government: Achieving the Promise of AI*

AUTHOR NAME: Faisal Hoque

PUBLISHER NAME: Post Hill Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Path of Rocks and Thorns: Leadership Lessons from a Prison*

AUTHOR NAME: Douglas Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Manuscripts

### **Business-Motivational**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Manifest Your Infinite Riches: Master the Art of Living an Abundant Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Pushkar Anand

PUBLISHER NAME: Pushkar Anand

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Unseen Guardians: 44 Stories from Behind-The Scenes Professions*

AUTHOR NAME: Bill Matthews

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **Business-Personal Finance/Investing**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Escape The Clock – Your Program Guide to Financial Freedom and Early Retirement*

AUTHOR NAME: Daniel C. Rodgers

PUBLISHER NAME: Manhattan Books Group

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Money Hurts: The Hidden Crisis Undermining Mental Health, Retention, and Trust at Work*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Lendnal

PUBLISHER NAME: Andrew Lendal

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Cowboys & Conductors: Conversations on Horseman-Humanship*

AUTHOR NAME: Dustin Davis & Paul Jan Zdunek

PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

## **Children's-Bedtime**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charley's New Friend*

AUTHOR NAME: Wendy B Wenger M a

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sam and His Amazing Flying Crib*

AUTHOR NAME: Jan O'Dea

PUBLISHER NAME: Jan O'Dea

FULL BOOK TITLE: *High Hopes Big Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Yolanda S Pascal

PUBLISHER NAME: Amphitrite Publishing

**Children's-Educational**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Book 3: Alexander Fleming's Penicillin Promise: Dr. K's  
Portal Through Time*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Ocean Protectors: Colors of the Coral Reef*

AUTHOR NAME: Blair Northen Williamson

PUBLISHER NAME: Genius Cat Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Let's Learn Golf!*

AUTHOR NAME: Christa Tarr

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The ABC's of Hershey: The Reading Therapy Dog*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Donna J. Snyder

PUBLISHER NAME: Donna J. Snyder

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nurse Florence® , What is West Nile Virus?*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Dow, RN, MS

PUBLISHER NAME: Dow Creative Enterprises®

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mr. Fox Sells Pockets*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gremlin Night*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Extraordinary Life of Elliott Duck*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *For You, My Future Hero*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Malooly

PUBLISHER NAME: Atticus Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Polar Bear in the Closet*

AUTHOR NAME: Tracey Sullivan

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The House of a Thousand Butterflies*

AUTHOR NAME: Yuval Shenkal

PUBLISHER NAME: Yuval Shenkal

## **Children's-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Monsters Don't Say Meep: Even the tiniest roar can make the biggest difference*

AUTHOR NAME: Bridgetta Tomarchio

PUBLISHER NAME: Plot Twist Ink

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Alex and the Summer of Secrets*

AUTHOR NAME: Joshua Evan Roig

PUBLISHER NAME: World Castle Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Tales of Scuba Steve: Manatus Grove*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Kamlet

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *KARA AND THE TWO MYSTERIES*

AUTHOR NAME: JESSICA POLICARPO

PUBLISHER NAME: JESSICA POLICARPO

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Holly and the Magic Bunny*

AUTHOR NAME: Kateryna Dronova

PUBLISHER NAME: Kateryna Dronova

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Michael Keller and the Legend of the Pumpkin King*

AUTHOR NAME: B.T. Garrett

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mariah Rhodes: Escaping to Space, Book 1*

AUTHOR NAME: D. H. Timpko

PUBLISHER NAME: D.H. Timpko

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beneath the Blue*

AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enockson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *You are SUPER, Penny!*

AUTHOR NAME: Candace Laskowski

PUBLISHER NAME: Candace Laskowski

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once Upon Another Fairytale*

AUTHOR NAME: Greg Mcgoon

PUBLISHER NAME: Artcentricity

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Punkin Goes Skunkin'*

AUTHOR NAME: Harry Musselwhite

PUBLISHER NAME: Wheredapony Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wings and Whispers: Tales of Friendship, Volume 1*

AUTHOR NAME: Kaelen Felix

PUBLISHER NAME: Prolific Pulse Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Big Ears Jack and Friends*

AUTHOR NAME: Earl Vincent de Berg

PUBLISHER NAME: Earl Vincent de Berg

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bear and the Shrew*

AUTHOR NAME: Rebecca Hunt

PUBLISHER NAME: Rebecca Hunt

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lalalanders*  
AUTHOR NAME: Christian Henry  
PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Henry

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pocket Watch Portal Adventure*  
AUTHOR NAME: MM Myers  
PUBLISHER NAME: Firestorm Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Broken Spur*  
AUTHOR NAME: Donna Hues  
PUBLISHER NAME: Donna Hues

### **Children's-Interactive**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lester Zester is Lost!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler  
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blue Bubble Gum*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Don't Wake the Dragon*  
AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau  
PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

FULL BOOK TITLE: *For You, My Future Hero*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Malooly

PUBLISHER NAME: Atticus Publishing

### **Children's-Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: The Tales of Scuba Steve: Manatus Grove

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Kamlet

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Books That You'll Read*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Antico

PUBLISHER NAME: Kindereads

### **Children's-Picture Book**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Ocean Protectors: Colors of the Coral Reef*

AUTHOR NAME: Blair Northen Williamson

PUBLISHER NAME: Genius Cat Books

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Extraordinary Life of Elliott Duck*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Monsters Don't Say Meep: Even the tiniest roar can make the biggest difference*

AUTHOR NAME: Bridgetta Tomarchio

PUBLISHER NAME: Plot Twist Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Growing Plate*

AUTHOR NAME: Adeela Law

PUBLISHER NAME: N/A

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chasing Par*

AUTHOR NAME: Christa Tarr

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vinnie's Tour of the Universe*

AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Zhang

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nuts About Dinosaurs*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Woolnough

PUBLISHER NAME: Wonderzzy Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *St. John the Ambulance Cat: Based on a true story*

AUTHOR NAME: Natasha Burrell

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris NZ

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Susie's Day at the Farm*

AUTHOR NAME: Patrice Wilkerson

PUBLISHER NAME: Skippy Creek

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Look, Look, Look What I Did!*

AUTHOR NAME: Cal Davis

PUBLISHER NAME: 4Ever NPrint

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild Thing and The Bagel*

AUTHOR NAME: Erin L. Neal

PUBLISHER NAME: Fulton Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dillo & Dove: Where Does Trash Go?*

AUTHOR NAME: LR Martin

PUBLISHER NAME: LR Martin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gremlin Night*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Yetiquette: Basic Manners For Kids*

AUTHOR NAME: Gianina Medina

PUBLISHER NAME: Gianina Medina

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Meant to BEE (Brave, Educated, Empowered)*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Lisa Lawson

PUBLISHER NAME: BMA Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Margot and the Wise Turtle*

AUTHOR NAME: Brennan O'Dea

PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Who Is Driving Your Bus*

AUTHOR NAME: Shannon Sonnenberg

PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Goodnight, Gull*

AUTHOR NAME: Keith Windham

PUBLISHER NAME: Keith Windham

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brake!*

AUTHOR NAME: Catarina Hansson/Katri Hansson

PUBLISHER NAME: Catarina Hansson/Katri Hansson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Magical Wooden Chair*

AUTHOR NAME: Judy Haveson

PUBLISHER NAME: Judy Haveson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Welcome Baby Wigglet!*

AUTHOR NAME: A.M. Berkowitz

PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gertie Braves the River*

AUTHOR NAME: Louis Papadakis

PUBLISHER NAME: Inspirational Books for Kids/TNL Designs LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Who Colored the Leaves*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert D. Dean

PUBLISHER NAME: Write and Release Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Days Pass: A Year Through the Eyes of a Squirrel*

AUTHOR NAME: Christina Taylor-Florence

PUBLISHER NAME: FloWriter, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Aby: A Curious Acorn*

AUTHOR NAME: Jas Sundarnath

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Zora—Zora and the Big Two Braids*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Marlo Barnett

PUBLISHER NAME: Legal Edge Tech - Policy and Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Kyle and His Pal Jake: What a Duo These Two Make*

AUTHOR NAME: Christian Kueng

PUBLISHER NAME: Atlantic Publishing Group

### **Children's-Religious**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pairables, 53 short stories that link to the Bible's Old Testament*

AUTHOR NAME: Jas Lonnquist

PUBLISHER NAME: 3031 Media

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Good Pilosaur*

AUTHOR NAME: Spencer Patterson

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lester Zester is Lost!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Dantzler  
PUBLISHER NAME: Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Grandpa Tell Me a Story: The Thankful One*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lori Taetz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lori Taetz

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Holy Lizard*  
AUTHOR NAME: David Lane  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bear's Place Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Seeking the Lost: Sheep*  
AUTHOR NAME: Daniel Cramton  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Children's Sports**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Golf Putts and Puddles*  
AUTHOR NAME: Christa Tarr  
PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Line 'Em Up!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Oscar Avery  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bread n Butter Bookz

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Butterfly Field*

AUTHOR NAME: Vera Harris

PUBLISHER NAME: Vera Harris

### **Fiction-Anthologies**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RARE: A dark anthology of unusual secrets*

AUTHOR NAME: Edited by June Visosky and Stephanie Vislay

PUBLISHER NAME: Alex Parker Publishing

### **Fiction-Cross-Genre**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Across the Void*

AUTHOR NAME: Jaekyeong Han (Henry Han)

PUBLISHER NAME: Jaekyeong Han (Henry Han)

### **Fiction-Fantasy**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Spirit Sight, Book 1 (The Spirit Song Saga Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: Ross Hightower

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Beast Keepers*

AUTHOR NAME: Julie Fudge Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Boyle & Dalton

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Remembering Demons*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Cornelius

PUBLISHER NAME: Fourier Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Revenge of the Phantom Press: A Bolingbrook  
Babbler Story*

AUTHOR NAME: William Brinkman

PUBLISHER NAME: Anti-Psychic Kitty Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fly Stone, Fly*

AUTHOR NAME: Dust Kunkel

PUBLISHER NAME: Dusty Heron Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Pagalan Chronicles: Book 1 Search for  
Morganuke's Roots*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Houlston

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouseUK

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Warrior & The Dragon*

AUTHOR NAME: Rusty Reece

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ERIK MEYS: THE BRACELETS OF FURY*

AUTHOR NAME: YEVGENY MURENETS

PUBLISHER NAME: YEVGENY MURENETS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *PROTECTORS OF THE LIGHT CROWN*

AUTHOR NAME: ASPRY JONES

PUBLISHER NAME: ASPRY JONES

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love and Fire*

AUTHOR NAME: Andy Brooks

PUBLISHER NAME: Andy Brooks

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Circle of Peace: A Greek Tale of Perse's Great Hall*

AUTHOR NAME: Sophia Kouidou-Giles

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Of Music and Ashes: Forever's Oratorio Part One*

AUTHOR NAME: Annalise Eden

PUBLISHER NAME: Bear's Place Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Zodak – The Last Shielder*

AUTHOR NAME: Max Moyer

PUBLISHER NAME: Foxhall Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Iseris: House of Power*

AUTHOR NAME: A.A. Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: A.A. Smith

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tales of Piecora 01: The Emerald Cave*

AUTHOR NAME: Jason Behnke

PUBLISHER NAME: Jason Behnke

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chronicles of the Enchanted Vanguard: Seraphina and the Divine Mandate*

AUTHOR NAME: Luminescence Goh

PUBLISHER NAME: Partridge Publishing Singapore

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Menilmonea: The Cycle of Titans-Book One*

AUTHOR NAME: David Catuhe

PUBLISHER NAME: David Catuhe

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Clometheons*

AUTHOR NAME: Kenneth J. Goin

PUBLISHER NAME: Fulton Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Cursed Objects*

AUTHOR NAME: Eden Crowne

PUBLISHER NAME: Eden Crowne

### **Fiction-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Later Days*

AUTHOR NAME: Chip Jacobs

PUBLISHER NAME: Rare Bird Books

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GRQ: Get Rich Quick*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Bernstein

PUBLISHER NAME: Fly on the Wall Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Firefly Season*  
AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Z. Etzioni  
PUBLISHER NAME: Benjamin Z. Etzioni

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Klara's Truth- A Novel*  
AUTHOR NAME: Susan Weissbach Friedman  
PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Killing Brumbies*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sue Andrews  
PUBLISHER NAME: Clark and Mackay

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Four Funerals in Mamou*  
AUTHOR NAME: Billy Augustine  
PUBLISHER NAME: Billy Augustine

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Roadside Sisters*  
AUTHOR NAME: Catherine Matthews  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pacific Peaks Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Adam's Garden*  
AUTHOR NAME: Alexey L Kovalev  
PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Other Book*  
AUTHOR NAME: Alexey L Kovalev  
PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brazos Valley Files: Cooperation and Change*

AUTHOR NAME: Charles R. Rogers

PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Until It Was Gone*

AUTHOR NAME: David B. Seaburn

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Missing From Me*

AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Stone

PUBLISHER NAME: Kathleen Stone

### **Fiction-Historical**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fission: A Novel of Atomic Heartbreak*

AUTHOR NAME: Leslie R. Schover

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blood for Pearls - 1498-The First American Genocide*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Von Perle

PUBLISHER NAME: VP Publisher

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ravens Hill*

AUTHOR NAME: Garth Pettersen

PUBLISHER NAME: Tirgearr Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Long Farewell*

AUTHOR NAME: Bob Van Laerhoven

PUBLISHER NAME: Next Chapter

FULL BOOK TITLE: *We Paddled Too*

AUTHOR NAME: Carol Johnston

PUBLISHER: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Being Hope*

AUTHOR NAME: Chuck Locklear

PUBLISHER NAME: Chuck Locklear

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Gamble on Liberty*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert W. Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Merryton Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unspoken: A Dust Novel*

AUTHOR NAME: Jann Alexander

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scars of Sand and Soil*

AUTHOR NAME: Jean K. Kravitz

PUBLISHER NAME: Acorn Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RISE OF THE PALE MOON*

AUTHOR NAME: Patricia Brandon

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red Anemones*

AUTHOR NAME: Paula Dail

PUBLISHER NAME: Historium Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Image Maker*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Flanders

PUBLISHER NAME: Austin Macauley

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Marianne: A Sense and Sensibility Sequel*

AUTHOR NAME: Alice McVeigh

PUBLISHER NAME: Warleigh Hall Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *One Ordinary Man – A novel based on the true story  
of Harry Hopkins*

AUTHOR NAME: Steve Vesce

PUBLISHER NAME: Verlibri Media LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Long Farewell*

AUTHOR NAME: Bob Van Laerhoven

PUBLISHER NAME: Next Chapter

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Land of the Living*

AUTHOR NAME: Timothy Crellin

PUBLISHER NAME: Green Writers Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Hearts, One Quest For Freedom*

AUTHOR NAME: Sheri Lynne

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Notes from a Deserter: A Soldier's Journey Home*

AUTHOR NAME: C.W. Towarnicki

PUBLISHER NAME: Htf Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Vow*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jude Berman  
PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Music Makers: A novel about the death and re-birth of freedom*

AUTHOR NAME: James D. Snyder  
PUBLISHER NAME: James D. Snyder

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crombie Hill*  
AUTHOR NAME: G. M. Donley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Miscagon

### **Fiction-Horror**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ghost Writer*  
AUTHOR NAME: Arjay Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Mindbender Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The House on Poland Hill*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kathryn Cain  
PUBLISHER NAME: Upon The Moment Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Souls Adrift: A Novel of Supernatural Suspense*  
AUTHOR NAME: Max Maccaigh  
PUBLISHER NAME: Avantebooks

## **Fiction-Inspirational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Certain Man*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Dindzans

PUBLISHER NAME: Scrivenings press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beautifully Blended*

AUTHOR NAME: Sonji K Grandy

PUBLISHER NAME: Sonji K Grandy Consulting LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Al's Journey-The Night Everything Changed: A Magical Story of Growing Up Fast and Learning Who you Are*

AUTHOR NAME: Marin

PUBLISHER NAME: Fontreal

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Knitting Queen: Making Dreams Come True*

AUTHOR NAME: K.D. Reef

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Autumn in Wolf Valley*

AUTHOR NAME: Ed A. Murray

PUBLISHER NAME: Ed A. Murray

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Message*

AUTHOR NAME: Nunis Vyner Robert

PUBLISHER NAME: PartridgeSingapore

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sir Lancelot's Scroll*  
AUTHOR NAME: R.L. Rinne  
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished — forthcoming from Winged  
Publications

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Across the Void*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jaekyeong Han (Henry Han)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jaekyeong Han (Henry Han)

### **Fiction-LGBTQ**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Pianist and the Snake*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lorenzo Pablo Martinez  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lormas

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mosswood Apothecary*  
AUTHOR NAME: JP Rindfleisch IX  
PUBLISHER NAME: 9th Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *With His Words I'm Not Alone*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lucas Ryker  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lucas Ryker

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When People Go Away*  
AUTHOR NAME: David Alan Dedin  
PUBLISHER NAME: David Alan Dedin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bloom: A Novel*  
AUTHOR NAME: Curtis Andrew Burton  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reborn In Shadows: From The Ashes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Maya Fisher  
PUBLISHER NAME: One-Legged Woman Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soul's Caress: Breathe*  
AUTHOR NAME: Camelia Bennett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Camelia Bennett

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Argren Blue: A Spirit Song Story*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ross Hightower & Deb Heim  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Desulti: Spirit Song Prequel Series*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ross Hightower & Deb Heim  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Act*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Brehony  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kathleen Brehony

## **Fiction-Multicultural**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE ISLAND SISTERS*  
AUTHOR NAME: Micki Berthelot Morency  
PUBLISHER NAME: BHC Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Girl Bait*  
AUTHOR NAME: BK Pruitt  
PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Women Who Stand Between*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jeannee Sacken  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ten 16 Press, an imprint of Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE NICKEL CHOIR*  
AUTHOR NAME: POLI FLORES JR  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pegasus (UK)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani  
PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Shilpa's Blue Crayon*  
AUTHOR NAME: Crystal Charlotte (CC) Lane  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A GRIEVING MAN*

AUTHOR NAME: Waide Riddle

PUBLISHER NAME: AIP/Amazon Independent Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gihigugma, Ace of Hearts: A Sweet, Slow Burn, Found Family, Coming-of-Age Tennis Romance Set in London*

AUTHOR NAME: Melanie King-Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: MiLFY Books

### **Fiction-Mystery/Suspense**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE SINS WE INHERIT*

AUTHOR NAME: CARLO J. EMANUELE

PUBLISHER NAME: VERDE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Long Way from Clare*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert W Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Meryton Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rat Town Blues: Slag Ferguson Book One*

AUTHOR NAME: Brian Kaufman

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE RULES OF KONGO: Aftermath of a Covert Sting*

AUTHOR NAME: Jaime Forza

PUBLISHER NAME: Bahlam Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Killer's Fate*  
AUTHOR NAME: John Bae  
PUBLISHER NAME: Old Logging Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *PSALMS OF SHERLOCK: A Sherlock Holmes Novel*  
*Second Edition*  
AUTHOR NAME: Gale Ann Swales  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *TO KNOW GOOD AND EVIL*  
AUTHOR NAME: DANIEL V. MEIER JR.  
PUBLISHER NAME: BOUTIQUE OF QUALITY BOOKS (BQB PUBLISHING)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Community Files: Reclaiming Your Community*  
AUTHOR NAME: Charles R. Rogers  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Filaments: Horror for the Female Gaze*  
AUTHOR NAME: KZK  
PUBLISHER NAME: KZK

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dockside Secrets: Book one of The Finley Burke*  
*Mysteries*  
AUTHOR NAME: Terry Overton  
PUBLISHER NAME: Terry Overton

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HAVOC: Trouble on the Trail*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cam Torrens  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *If Crows Could Talk*  
AUTHOR NAME: Debz Hobbs-Wyatt  
PUBLISHER NAME: Walela Books (imprint of Bridge House Publishing,  
UK)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Serenade of Sirens: The Lost Boys of Tosa*  
AUTHOR NAME: K.D. Allbaugh  
PUBLISHER NAME: Battle Ridge Rising Sun Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Memories Relived*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.A. Lazar  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.A. Lazar

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Women Who Stand Between*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jeannee Sacken  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ten 16 Press, an imprint of Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fate Can Toss a Boomerang: A Murder Mystery*  
AUTHOR NAME: Carolyn Summer Quinn  
PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Topaz Ocean Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE NICKEL CHOIR*  
AUTHOR NAME: POLI FLORES JR  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pegasus (UK)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ascend From The Ashes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Auburn Avenue: 1912*

AUTHOR NAME: D.L. Jordan

PUBLISHER NAME: D.L. Jordan Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dirty Deeds*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Shlian and Linda Reid

PUBLISHER NAME: Akeso Press

### **Fiction-New Age**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Loy: In the forests of the mind*

AUTHOR NAME: Todd David Gross

PUBLISHER NAME: Sunlit Lane Productions

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancestor: The Hooded Hero #1*

AUTHOR NAME: Matt Ozanich

PUBLISHER NAME: Fifth Legion Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Retribution: Chronicles of Reaper Book II*

AUTHOR NAME: J.R. Lightfoot

PUBLISHER NAME: J.R. Lightfoot

## **Fiction-Novella**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GRQ: Get Rich Quick*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Bernstein

PUBLISHER NAME: Fly on the Wall Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Prince of Wales Fort, 1770*

AUTHOR NAME: Katie Churchill-King

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Boy of Heaven*

AUTHOR NAME: Morris Hoffman

PUBLISHER NAME: Resource Publications, an imprint of Wipf & Stock  
Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Control*

AUTHOR NAME: K.T. Nolan

PUBLISHER NAME: K.T. Nolan

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Swordsman of Venice Part II: Blade for Hire*

AUTHOR NAME: Rob Samborn

PUBLISHER NAME: Lost Meridian Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BEYOND-The Door of No Return*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Von Perle

PUBLISHER NAME: VP Publisher

## **Fiction-Novelette**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Clearing*

AUTHOR NAME: Alexander Shalom Joseph

PUBLISHER NAME: Middle Creek Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Horned Women: A Contemporary retelling of an Irish Fairy Tale*

AUTHOR NAME: Christy Matheson

PUBLISHER NAME: Buttercup Books (self-published)

## **Fiction-Political**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door: A Prophecy Buried in Rome*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Prodigy*

AUTHOR NAME: Dee a Replogle Jr

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *It Might Have Been*

AUTHOR NAME: Lloyd J. Schwartz

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

### **Fiction-Psychological**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Klara's Truth- A Novel*

AUTHOR NAME: Susan Weissbach Friedman

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Janus Origin – Threads of Control*

AUTHOR NAME: Daniel A. Riddle

PUBLISHER NAME: Daniel A. Riddle

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Greatest Comic Book Tale Ever Told*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Colon

PUBLISHER NAME: TWB Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Me Dead: A Story of Betrayal, Infidelity, and Love*

AUTHOR NAME: Laurie Elizabeth Murphy

PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Twelve-Year-Old Wife: Across Timelines, Some Loves Refuse to Die*

AUTHOR NAME: Dan Uselton

PUBLISHER NAME: Dan Uselton

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Dialogue Without Words*

AUTHOR NAME: Alex Amirian

PUBLISHER NAME: Alex Amirian

FULL BOOK TITLE: *"DARE"*

AUTHOR NAME: Mimi Wahlfeldt

PUBLISHER NAME: Little Key Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fragmentation Vol II: In Search Of*

AUTHOR NAME: John Randall

PUBLISHER NAME: John Randall Books

### **Fiction-Religious**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Certain Man*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Dindzans

PUBLISHER NAME: Scrivenings press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door: A Prophecy Buried in Rome*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

FULL BOOK TITLE: *From the Darkness Into His Light*

AUTHOR NAME: Bret E. Cheek

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fragile*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri Lyn Tobey

PUBLISHER NAME: Trilogy

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Seeking The Healer*

AUTHOR NAME: Russell Camp

PUBLISHER NAME: Self, Tres Hijos Publishing Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Lands: Book 1 of "The Journey" Series*

AUTHOR NAME: Rick L Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Saint Patrick's Scroll of Miracles*

AUTHOR NAME: R.L. Rinne

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Boy of Heaven*

AUTHOR NAME: Morris Hoffman

PUBLISHER NAME: Resource Publications, an imprint of Wipf & Stock  
Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Mysterium*

AUTHOR NAME: Jerry Schultz

PUBLISHER NAME: Jerry Schultz

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Pilgrim – Part I*  
AUTHOR NAME: A. Keith Carreiro  
PUBLISHER NAME: Copper Beech Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sir Lancelot's Scroll*  
AUTHOR NAME: R.L. Rinne  
PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished — forthcoming from Winged Publications

### **Fiction-Romance**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Marianne: A Sense and Sensibility Sequel*  
AUTHOR NAME: Alice McVeigh  
PUBLISHER NAME: Warleigh Hall Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Girl from the Rain*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mike Toros  
PUBLISHER NAME: Mike Toros

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love Her Evermore*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sheri Sheldon  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sheri Sheldon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lunch Tales: Teagan*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lucille Guarino  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Trusting Love*  
AUTHOR NAME: Julie Navickas  
PUBLISHER NAME: Inkspell Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *SCOTSMAN'S VALOR - A Frontier Historical Romance:  
Wilderness Valor Series Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dorothy Wiley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Dorothy Wiley

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Dreams Float*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dorothy Elizabeth Love  
PUBLISHER NAME: LED Literature and Publication

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Truths and A Lie*  
AUTHOR NAME: Annie Abel  
PUBLISHER NAME: Annie Abel

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Escape*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eve M Riley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Snugrox

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Afternoon Rebecca*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mike J. Kizman  
PUBLISHER NAME: Hemingway Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Trust Love*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Karpoff  
PUBLISHER NAME: RoseDog Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Great Dempseys*  
AUTHOR NAME: Brianna MacMahon  
PUBLISHER NAME: MacMahon Books LLC (self-published)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Thornberry Manor: The Emerald*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anne K. Hawkinson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon/KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love Dazzles in Sapphire*  
AUTHOR NAME: Charmyra E. Fleming  
PUBLISHER NAME: Charmyra E. Fleming

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reminders of You: The Story of Sam and Catarina*  
AUTHOR NAME: Calliope Casimiro  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Act*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Brehony  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kathleen Brehony

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Curse of Wings & Gems: A Cursed Royal Fantasy  
Romance*  
AUTHOR NAME: S.D. Huston  
PUBLISHER NAME: Literary Dawn Press LLC

## **Fiction-Science Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MINDSTOCK*

AUTHOR NAME: RICHARD YONCK

PUBLISHER NAME: Palabras Publishing LLC

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Magic in the Hub, The Sequel*

AUTHOR NAME: Macintosh Steele

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Son of Osivirius*

AUTHOR NAME: Cathryn deVries

PUBLISHER NAME: Eclecta Perennial

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 YEARS TO EXTINCTION: The Tyranny of  
Technology and the Fight for a Better Future*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Solomon

PUBLISHER NAME: Munn Avenue Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gas Giant Gambit*

AUTHOR NAME: E. S. Raye

PUBLISHER NAME: Alex Parker Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Operation Reboot*

AUTHOR NAME: James Hallenbeck

PUBLISHER NAME: Cold Mountain Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tentacles, Night of the Machines*

AUTHOR NAME: Paul M. Harper

PUBLISHER NAME: Green Hill Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Umbra Signal*

AUTHOR NAME: David Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: David Williams

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Antunites Unites (The Antunitite Chronicles – Book 3)*

AUTHOR NAME: Terry Birdgenaw

PUBLISHER NAME: Cyborg Insect Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rebels and Saints*

AUTHOR NAME: Lena Gibson

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Zygan Emprise*

AUTHOR NAME: Y S Pascal

PUBLISHER NAME: Amphitrite Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Humanity's First Test*

AUTHOR NAME: Ignacio Ramirez Bautista

PUBLISHER NAME: 4th Floor Publishing House

### **Fiction-Short Story**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *River of Dolls and Other Stories*

AUTHOR NAME: Suzanne Kamata

PUBLISHER NAME: Penguin Random House SEA

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Corner of Main and Fayette: Stories*

AUTHOR NAME: B.K. Clay

PUBLISHER NAME: Bobby Clay

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I WANTED TO BE A BLUESMAN*

AUTHOR NAME: DAVID JOSEPH

PUBLISHER NAME: PORTAL 6 PRESS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes of Fortune: Shadows Over Cozumel*

AUTHOR NAME: David R Leng

PUBLISHER NAME: White Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MOUSSANE - The River's Daughter*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Von Perle

PUBLISHER NAME: VP Publisher

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life With the Enigma*

AUTHOR NAME: Shaun Bucknor

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red River County: An All-American Story About Two  
All-American Brothers*

AUTHOR NAME: Waide Riddle

PUBLISHER NAME: Waide Riddle / AIP Amazon Independent Publishers

## **Fiction-Thriller/Adventure**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Child Riddler*

AUTHOR NAME: Angela Greenman

PUBLISHER NAME: Bella Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Murder Suspended*

AUTHOR NAME: Joseph LeValley

PUBLISHER NAME: Bookpress Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Devil's Brother: A Novel*

AUTHOR NAME: Glenn McGinnis

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The UFO Gambit (The Praetorius Agency Files #4)*

AUTHOR NAME: T. E. MacArthur

PUBLISHER NAME: Indies United Publishing House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Flight of a Prodigy*

AUTHOR NAME: Daniel P. McCallister

PUBLISHER NAME: NFB Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE CHAMELEON CHRONICLES: THE MISSING  
LIEUTENANT*

AUTHOR NAME: BARBARA G. KRUK

PUBLISHER NAME: ARCHWAY PUBLISHING

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BENEATH THE RINGS*

AUTHOR NAME: Joe Battaglia

PUBLISHER NAME: Franklin Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HAVOC: Trouble on the Trail*

AUTHOR NAME: Cam Torrens

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Curse of the Caribbean*

AUTHOR NAME: Dave McKeon

PUBLISHER NAME: AHA Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tiny Wild Things*

AUTHOR NAME: Danielle M. Wong

PUBLISHER NAME: Storm Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE END? Hope is the enemy evil fears most*

AUTHOR NAME: Don Sedei

PUBLISHER NAME: Blue-eyed Falcon, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Seren*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Gooch

PUBLISHER NAME: Apprentice House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Magical Tree – Tension Begins*

AUTHOR NAME: Chinmay Yashavanth

PUBLISHER NAME: Chinmay Yashavanth

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Deadly Genesis File: Book One in The Cold Warrior Trilogy*

AUTHOR NAME: Ron Thomas

PUBLISHER NAME: Quest Ominmedia

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor*

AUTHOR NAME: D. R. Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: D.R. Berlin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dirty Deeds*

AUTHOR NAME: Deborah Shlian and Linda Reid

PUBLISHER NAME: Akeso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GOING DARK: A Liberty Unit Novel*

AUTHOR NAME: George K. Mehok

PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *DARKER THAN BLOOD (The Psychic Thriller Experience)*

AUTHOR NAME: Taylor Marsh

PUBLISHER NAME: MM Press

### **Fiction-Women's Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Women Who Stand Between*

AUTHOR NAME: Jeannee Sacken

PUBLISHER NAME: Ten 16 Press, an imprint of Orange Hat Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Klara's Truth- A Novel*  
AUTHOR NAME: Susan Weissbach Friedman  
PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Wingman*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tessa King  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tessa King

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Epistolary*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Lambros  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Out of Time*  
AUTHOR NAME: M. Jacqueline Murray  
PUBLISHER NAME: Cole Jacobs Books LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Racing Towards Destiny: A Sports Romance*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lena Gibson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pucker Up*  
AUTHOR NAME: Phoebe Richards  
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP/Amazon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *She Who Holds the Wind*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kiersten Dunbar Chace  
PUBLISHER NAME: Mondé World Press (Self Published)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gift*  
AUTHOR NAME: C. D'Angelo  
PUBLISHER NAME: C. D'Angelo

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Roadside Sisters*  
AUTHOR NAME: Catherine Matthews  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pacific Peaks Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Everything You've Ever Known*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jess Ames  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self (Halo Publishing Group)

### **Fiction-Young Adult**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Saving Sophie*  
AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Schrack  
PUBLISHER NAME: Fire and Ice

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Friday Night on the Frio River: A Booksellers Mystery*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mary C. Gautreaux  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Benevolent School of Witches: The Coven of Fire*  
AUTHOR NAME: Charles Rellex  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time Benders and the Secret Mission*

AUTHOR NAME: JB Yanni

PUBLISHER NAME: jb yanni press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Split*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Swartz

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rising Up: Book One in the Tranquility Series*

AUTHOR NAME: Tanya Ross

PUBLISHER NAME: Tanya Ross

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because of the Night*

AUTHOR NAME: Muse Literary Publishing

PUBLISHER NAME: Muse Literary

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tissiack: A Sierran Siren*

AUTHOR NAME: Charles Weeden

PUBLISHER NAME: Charles Weeden

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Other Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Carlos Perez, Ed.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Novel House Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Pirate's Curse – Weight of Souls*

AUTHOR NAME: Toni Runkle & Steve Webb

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Son of the Siren*

AUTHOR NAME: Kristina Elyse Butke

PUBLISHER NAME: Oliver Heber Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *To Be*  
AUTHOR NAME: John Blossom  
PUBLISHER NAME: John Blossom

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Losing Austin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Bowler  
PUBLISHER NAME: Michael Bowler

FULL BOOK TITLE: *From Ash & Darkness*  
AUTHOR NAME: J. L. Sullivan  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Wild Rose Press, Inc.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Ruby Pi and the Aviation Girls*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tom Durwood  
PUBLISHER NAME: Empire Studies Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beyond Superhero School: Let the Games Begin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Gracie Dix  
PUBLISHER NAME: Toast Industries

### **Health-Addiction and Recovery**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Path of Rocks and Thorns: Leadership Lessons  
from a Prison*  
AUTHOR NAME: Douglas Smith  
PUBLISHER NAME: Manuscripts

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little Boy, I Know Your Name*

AUTHOR NAME: Mitchell Raff

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove

**Health-Aging/50+**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Chronic Illness Journey – Finding your way*

AUTHOR NAME: James Hallenbeck MD

PUBLISHER NAME: Cold Mountain Publishing

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Naked Ultra: A Texas-Sized Misadventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

**Health-Cancer**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I'm Sick, But That's Not What Hurts*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Licate

PUBLISHER NAME: Boys Town Press

## **Health-Death and Dying**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Back from Suicide: Before and After the Essential Patrick*

AUTHOR NAME: Marie Lisette Rimer

PUBLISHER NAME: Hillside Woods

## **Health-Diet and Exercise**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *To Your Health: A Lifestyle of Health, Happiness and Confidence*

AUTHOR NAME: Esther Avant

PUBLISHER NAME: Muse Literary

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Blew My Diet! Now What?*

AUTHOR NAME: Connie Bennett

PUBLISHER NAME: Greenleaf Book Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Naked Ultra: A Texas-Sized Misadventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

## **Health-General**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Biology of Trauma: How the Body Holds Fear, Pain, and Overwhelm, and How to Heal It*

AUTHOR NAME: Aimie Apigian, MD

PUBLISHER NAME: Ben Bella Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Uncovering Your Mind: How the Brain Learns and Adapts*

AUTHOR NAME: Henry Oh

PUBLISHER NAME: Henry Oh

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE CARE VALUE INDEX: A Field Manual for Healthcare Equity*

AUTHOR NAME: Rodney L. Kelley

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published through Kindle Direct Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Clear the Air: A Doctor's Guide to Environmental Allergy and Illness*

AUTHOR NAME: Julie A. Wendt

PUBLISHER NAME: Wendt Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HEADACHES – Why You Have Them, What You Can Do About Them*

AUTHOR NAME: Egilius L.H. Spierings, MD, PhD

PUBLISHER NAME: Fulton Books, Meadville, PA

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hair Loss: Options for Restoration and Reversal 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*

AUTHOR NAME: Gustavo J. Gomez, Ph. D

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

### **History-United States**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blood for Pearls - 1498-The First American Genocide*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter Von Perle

PUBLISHER NAME: VP Publisher

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *African-American Women Who Began A Movement*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael A. Carson

PUBLISHER NAME: Double Infinity Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Turtle, The Mitten, and An Epic History of Michigan*

AUTHOR NAME: Aaron Helman

PUBLISHER NAME: Aaron Helman Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Delaware at Christmas / The First State in a Merry State*

AUTHOR NAME: Dave Tabler

PUBLISHER NAME: Dave Tabler

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Doctor Was a Woman: The First Female Physicians on the Frontier*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Enss

PUBLISHER NAME: TwoDot Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lafayette's Chosen Companions: The Men of USS Brandywine 1825*

AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Noon

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP Amazon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unrivaled: Sewanee 1899*

AUTHOR NAME: Norman Jetmundsen Jr. and Karin Dupree Fecteau

PUBLISHER NAME: Shakerag Hollow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *For You, My Hero*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Malooly

PUBLISHER NAME: Atticus Publishing, LLC

### **History-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Steel Soldier: Guadalcanal Odyssey*

AUTHOR NAME: James J. Messina with Charles Messina

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Delaware at Christmas / The First State in a Merry State*

AUTHOR NAME: Dave Tabler

PUBLISHER NAME: Dave Tabler

**History-Military**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soldier's Life: A Black Woman's Rise from Army Brat to Six Triple Eight Champion*

AUTHOR NAME: Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, U.S. Army

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Virginia Press

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Son Cometh Volume II: A True History and Theology from Forty Years before the Birth of Jesus to Forty Years after the Death of Jesus*

AUTHOR NAME: Brian D. Baldemor

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Steel Soldier: Guadalcanal Odyssey*

AUTHOR NAME: James J. Messina with Charles Messina

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

## Home and Garden

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Greenhouse Gardening for the Absolute Beginner: How to Build an Indoor Food Oasis and Grow Your Own Fresh Produce Year-Round, No Matter Your Space, Skills, or Season*

AUTHOR NAME: Jaden Rivers

PUBLISHER NAME: All We Need Publishing

## Humor/Comedy/Satire

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hello? Who Is This? Margaret?*

AUTHOR NAME: Dani Alpert

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *341*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert Richardson

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Up & Down with JoJo Brown and other humorous catastrophes*

AUTHOR NAME: Tom McKenna

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP Amazon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *An Improbable Alliance*

AUTHOR NAME: Diane Coia-Ramsay

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Atomic Sunset*  
AUTHOR NAME: J.G. Macdonald  
PUBLISHER NAME: Backpack Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *PUNDEMONIUM! VOL. 8*  
AUTHOR NAME: James E. Larson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lefse Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *So You Want To Be An Extremist*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.T. Jackson  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.T. Jackson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vincible: A New Adult Comedy*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jay Jameston  
PUBLISHER NAME: Dirty Kermit Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Child's Dream Santa's Parking Ticket & an Empty  
Shed*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anita Yates  
PUBLISHER NAME: Appalachian Ace

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Is School Really Out for the Summer?: Abbreviated  
Musings of a High School Principal*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Sarto  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **Law**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jake Fox: Ties That Blind*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Stockham

PUBLISHER NAME: Whistling Pigs Press LLC

## **Legacy-Autobiography/Memoir**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life Behind the Masks Surviving and Healing from  
Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse*

AUTHOR NAME: Wilma MacLiver

PUBLISHER NAME: Writing Well, Ink

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Place of Privilege*

(Sub-Title: Young, Black and In an Unexpected Place of Privilege)

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Robinson & Raymond Smaltz III

PUBLISHER NAME: Independent

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rebuilding in Light: Illuminating the Recesses of Your  
Internal Workspace*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen Cesario Rizzo

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

## **Legacy-Fiction-Adventure**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vork Chronicles Welcome to Superhero School*

AUTHOR NAME: Gracie Dix

PUBLISHER NAME: Toast Industries

## **Legacy-Fiction-General**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *All That Is Hidden*

AUTHOR NAME: Laura DeNooyer-Moore

PUBLISHER NAME: Lighthouse Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sakhalin Collection*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert W. Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Robert W. Smith

FULL BOOK TITLE: *An Innocent World*

AUTHOR NAME: Douglas A. King

PUBLISHER NAME: Tellwell Talent

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Mr. Squirrel Finds a Treasure (A Grumpy Iguana and Green Parrot Adventure)*

AUTHOR NAME: Susan Marie Chapman

PUBLISHER NAME: Gourmet Dog LLC

## **Legacy-Fiction-Historical**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Poke Sallet Queen and the Family Medicine Wheel*

AUTHOR NAME: Shana Thornton

PUBLISHER NAME: Thorncraft Publishing

## **Legacy-Mystery/Suspense**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Best Lie Wins*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert W Smith

PUBLISHER NAME: Robert W Smith

## **Legacy-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life Behind the Masks Surviving and Healing from  
Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse*

AUTHOR NAME: Wilma MacLiver

PUBLISHER NAME: Writing Well, Ink

## **Legacy-Sci-Fi & Fantasy**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Blackened Yonder (Planar Lost: Book One)*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Gibson

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Penitent – Part I*

AUTHOR NAME: A. Keith Carreiro

PUBLISHER NAME: Copper Beech Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Journey to Superhero School: An Oliver and Jessica  
Prequel to The Vork Chronicles*

AUTHOR NAME: Gracie Dix

PUBLISHER NAME: Gracie Dix

## **Non-Fiction-Anthologies**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Awakening Stories*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Allison Brown (anthology editor); 23 other authors

PUBLISHER NAME: Palm and Lotus Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Split*

AUTHOR NAME: BRANDEE MELCHER DR. KATHERINE HUMPHREYS

CAROL BRITTON LESLEY GOTH PSYD CAROLINA CIFUENTES HENAO

CHRISTEN E. BRYCE DR. ERICA ANNE LOVE ALLISON BENEGAS SUMMER

JEAN LATOYA BURDISS JEN KENNEDY SIERRA MELCHER

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Voices of Wellness: A Mental Health Anthology*

AUTHOR NAME: Candice Hayes | Shawnti Refuge | DaVonda St. Clair |

Dr. Carrie Young-McWilliams | Shakira Releford | Dr. Cheryl Cooper |

Bridgette Nelson | Elona Washington | Dr. Azuré Smith-Swan

PUBLISHER NAME: The Author's Journey

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Had I a Dove: Appalachian Poets on the Helene Flood*

AUTHOR NAME: Hilda Downer, Editor and Contributing Author

PUBLISHER NAME: Redhawk Publications

### **Narrative Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever of Unknown Origin: A True Tale of Medicine,  
Mystery, and Magic*

AUTHOR NAME: Judith Ford

PUBLISHER NAME: Wipf & Stock Publishers

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Crisis Meets Courage: A Sheriff's true stories of duty, danger, sacrifice, and service from the Everglades to Ground Zero*

AUTHOR NAME: Thomas Loughren

PUBLISHER NAME: 846 Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Motion Dazzle: A Memoir of Motherhood, Loss, and Skating on Thin Ice*

AUTHOR NAME: Jocelyn Jane Cox

PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Artist Academic*

AUTHOR NAME: Patricia Leavy

PUBLISHER NAME: Paper Stars Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nuclear Copper*

AUTHOR NAME: Matt Okuhara

PUBLISHER NAME: Amberley Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Miscalculated Risks: Attacked, Crippled, Paralyzed, Drowning, Unconscious and Freezing in The Wild (Just Not All at Once)*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cooper

PUBLISHER NAME: Larrea Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sociomom: My Story of Terror, Truth, and Triumph*

AUTHOR NAME: Kevin Hughes

PUBLISHER NAME: MindStir Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE LAST BATTLE: Becoming Someone Else*

AUTHOR NAME: Thomas Mayhew

PUBLISHER NAME: Unpublished

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lafayette's Chosen Companions: The Men of USS  
Brandywine 1825*

AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Noon

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP Amazon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Soul Can You: How Expanded Consciousness  
Cultivates Spiritual Awakening, Trauma Healing, and Creative  
Breakthroughs*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Gilbert, MD

PUBLISHER NAME: Archangel Ink

### **Non-Fiction-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a  
Georgia Courtroom*

AUTHOR NAME: McCracken Poston Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Citadel

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little Boy, I Know Your Name*

AUTHOR NAME: Mitchell Raff

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Animals DO Talk: What Animals Tell Me They Want  
You to Know*

AUTHOR NAME: Carrie O'Neill

PUBLISHER NAME: Possibilities Farm Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Words*

AUTHOR NAME: S. Lee Funk, Ed.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Space to Exhale: A Handbook for Curating a Soft,  
Centered, Serene Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Hurley

PUBLISHER NAME: Wiley

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Moonlight in My Eyes: Poems*

AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Behind the White Beard: Dale Ballew's Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Kay Brooks

PUBLISHER NAME: KDB Manuscripts, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Biosphere Collapse: Causes and Solutions*

AUTHOR NAME: Garry Rogers

PUBLISHER NAME: Agua Fria Open Space Alliance, Coldwater Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Death Within*

AUTHOR NAME: Hamayun Khan

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Post Philosophy – Taking Back Logic*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Aaron Cody

PUBLISHER NAME: Cody Symbolic Works

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Odyssey Moscow: One American's Journey from  
Russia Optimist to Prisoner of the State*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Calvey

PUBLISHER NAME: The History Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Wines of California*

AUTHOR NAME: Elaine Chukan Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Academie du Vin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Empathic Evolution: An Invitation from the Council of  
We*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Elizabeth Moore

PUBLISHER NAME: Des'Tai Press (a Division of Modern Medicine Lady  
LLC)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *African-American Women Who Began A Movement*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael A. Carson

PUBLISHER NAME: Double Infinity Publishing

## **Non-Fiction-Multicultural**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soldier's Life: A Black Woman's Rise from Army Brat to Six Triple Eight Champion*

AUTHOR NAME: Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, U.S. Army

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Virginia Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I'm Tired of Racism: True Stories of Existing While Black*

AUTHOR NAME: Sharon Hurley Hall

PUBLISHER NAME: Lime Tree Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Big Asian Energy: An Unapologetic Guide for Breaking Barriers to Leadership and Success*

AUTHOR NAME: John Wang

PUBLISHER NAME: Penguin Random House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Landed: A yogi's memoir in pieces & poses*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Lang

PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Morocco, A Remembrance of Childhood*

AUTHOR NAME: James B. Farmer

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

## **Non-Fiction-Young Adult**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: Invisible Grains

AUTHOR NAME: Sophia Bagley

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

## **Parenting and Family**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Barely Visible: Mothering a Son Through His Misunderstood Autism*

AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Somers

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Will My Haircut Hurt?*

AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Your Doodle's Daily Schedule Blueprint™: From Hyper to Happy — Proven*

*Routines for a Calmer, Happier Doodle*

AUTHOR NAME: Corinne Gearhart, The Doodle Pro®

PUBLISHER NAME: The Doodle Pro Academy Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *How I Accidentally Turned My Kids Into Financially Entitled Monsters*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Lendnal

PUBLISHER NAME: eBookIt.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *One Last Question Before You Go: Why You Should Interview Your Parents*

AUTHOR NAME: Kyle Thiermann

PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *OBX Men et al*

AUTHOR NAME: John C. Koutze

PUBLISHER NAME: Lulu.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Doing the Right Thing: Simple Solutions, Essential Tips & Helpful Resources for Assisting Aging Loved Ones*

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie C. Miller

PUBLISHER NAME: Debbie C. Miller

### **Photography**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bloomsbury Photographs*

AUTHOR NAME: Maggie Humm

PUBLISHER NAME: Yale University Press

### **Poetry-Anthologies**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Had I a Dove: Appalachian Poets on the Helene Flood*

AUTHOR NAME: Hilda Downer, Editor and Contributing Author

PUBLISHER NAME: Redhawk Publications

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Incessant Murmurings of an Apologetic Fool*

AUTHOR NAME: Brett Spotts

PUBLISHER NAME: Bowker (self)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ALL FOR DT*

AUTHOR NAME: Barbara Hagen

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Social Possibilities Poetic Voices of Hope*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Tomey-Zonneveld, Editor in Chief and Contributing  
Author

Zanetta V. Johns, Editor and Contributing Author, Multiple contributors  
to this anthology

PUBLISHER NAME: Prolific Pulse Press LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Safe and Brave Space, Anthology of Poetry and Art,  
Volume 3*

AUTHOR NAME: n/a

PUBLISHER NAME: Garden of Neuro Institute Publishing

### **Poetry-Contemporary**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Canopies of Bones and Breathable Air*

AUTHOR NAME: Wanda McNabb

PUBLISHER NAME: Thorncraft Publishing

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits (9/28/2025 edition)*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love Lyrics*

AUTHOR NAME: Frank Hayden

PUBLISHER NAME: The Book Publishing Pros

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Words Left Unspoken*

AUTHOR NAME: J.A. McGovern

PUBLISHER NAME: Anamcara Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Revelry*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Claire

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Poet Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Analog Synthesis*

AUTHOR NAME: Christopher Fried

PUBLISHER NAME: Kelsay Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *An Unlikely Sunset: A Collection of Haiku, Tanka & Chōka Poetry*

AUTHOR NAME: Joe Giampaolo

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

## Poetry-General

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits (9/28/2025 edition)*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Five Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Michaud

PUBLISHER NAME: Elizabeth Michaud

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love Lyrics*

AUTHOR NAME: Frank Hayden

PUBLISHER NAME: The Book Publishing Pros

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Motion of the Ocean: A Bedtime Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Aunt Mimi

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lightning in a Bottle*

AUTHOR NAME: Jina Dcruz

PUBLISHER NAME: PartridgeIndia

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Heart of It*

AUTHOR NAME: Alan Perry

PUBLISHER NAME: Kelsay Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Aletheia*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tamar Shengelia  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tamar Shengelia

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Revelry*  
AUTHOR NAME: J. Claire  
PUBLISHER NAME: Red Poet Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Have Danced with Angels: Selected Love Poems*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joe Giampaolo  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *365 Sonnets: Celebrating Each Day with a "Little Song"*  
AUTHOR NAME: Paul Buchheit  
PUBLISHER NAME: Paul Buchheit

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Analog Synthesis*  
AUTHOR NAME: Christopher Fried  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kelsay Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Navigation*  
AUTHOR NAME: Linda Neal Reising  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kelsay Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Women*  
AUTHOR NAME: David Thomas  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

## Poetry-Narrative

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stories We Didn't Tell*

AUTHOR NAME: Anna Citrino

PUBLISHER NAME: Shanti Arts Publishing (Christine Cotes  
editor/publisher)

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Beloved Futures*

AUTHOR NAME: Aubrey Morgan Yee

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tomorrow's Rain*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Daniels

PUBLISHER NAME: Kindle Direct Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Letters From My Dead Name*

AUTHOR NAME: Richelle Lee Slota

PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Cedar Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Margot and the Wise Turtle*

AUTHOR NAME: Brennan O'Dea

PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Variations on Tzara: The Son-of-a-Narcissist-Mother's  
Guide Book*

AUTHOR NAME: Jan Škrdlík

PUBLISHER NAME: Jan Škrdlík

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Celebrating Maud: A Tribute to L.M. Montgomery*

AUTHOR NAME: A.C. Blake

PUBLISHER NAME: Birdtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits (9/28/2025 edition)*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Revelry*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Claire

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Poet Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Navigation*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Neal Reising

PUBLISHER NAME: Kelsay Books

### **Poetry-Religious**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Poetry to Ponder: Spread the News*

*There's a Reason for Singing*

AUTHOR NAME: Joy Walker

PUBLISHER NAME: Booklocker.com

## **Political-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dead Man Running*

AUTHOR NAME: Rob Curnock

PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Positive Politics: A Proven Playbook to Get into Politics, Change Your Life, and Change the World*

AUTHOR NAME: Neil Thanadar

PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

## **Religion-Christianity**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unleashed Redemption: A K9 Handler's Story of Hope & Healing*

AUTHOR NAME: David Mendoza III

PUBLISHER NAME: Books for His Glory

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rejoicing in His Glory: Unleash Joy and Freedom to Transform Your Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim S. Kinney

PUBLISHER NAME: Pearls of Glory Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*

AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Truth about the Tribulation*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

**Religion-Christian Inspirational**

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FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rejoicing in His Glory: Unleash Joy and Freedom to Transform Your Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim S. Kinney

PUBLISHER NAME: Pearls of Glory Publishing

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FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unleashed Redemption: A K9 Handler's Story of Hope & Healing*

AUTHOR NAME: David Mendoza III

PUBLISHER NAME: Books for His Glory

FULL BOOK TITLE: *From the Back of a Donkey, Journey of a Lifetime – Second Edition*

AUTHOR NAME: Nancy Elaine Hartman Minor

PUBLISHER NAME: Light Bringer Publishing & Studio, LLC.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gentling Soul: A Legacy of Love*

AUTHOR NAME: El Alma

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press AU

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through Our Eyes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tyniece S. Gutzmore & Sonji K Grandy  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sonji K Grandy Consulting LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sinful Oath Book 1 of the On The Wings Of Angels Series*

AUTHOR NAME: KT McWilliams  
PUBLISHER NAME: KT MCWILLIAMS LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Psalms and Proverbs: Let's Discover Together the Treasures of the Psalms and Proverbs*

AUTHOR NAME: Pastor John Rumble  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Whispers from God*

AUTHOR NAME: Anita Placido  
PUBLISHER NAME: Hawes & Jenkins Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The 2nd Mum*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Isilda Henry  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wagon of Worries*

AUTHOR NAME: Ruthie Godfrey  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ruth Godfrey

FULL BOOK TITLE: Identity Crisis: *Who Am I, Really?*

AUTHOR NAME: M.J. Kelley II  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE INFINITY WITHIN: BREAK THROUGH FEAR, TRUST YOUR INNER POWER, AND CREATE A LIFE THAT REFLECTS WHO YOU TRULY ARE*

AUTHOR NAME: Kris Land

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

### **Self-Help**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Miracle Morning After 50: A Proven Path to Joy, Vitality, and Purpose for Aging Adults*

AUTHOR NAME: Hal Elrod and Dwayne J. Clark

PUBLISHER NAME: BenBella Books

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What Happens in Vagus Stays in Vagus Release Your Body from Stress-related Anxiety, Pain, & Inflammation: The 'No Big Deal Way' to Reset Your Vagal Nerve*

AUTHOR NAME: L.L. Charles

PUBLISHER NAME: Westwood Cole Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Shake Yourself Free: 81 Somatic Practices to Let Go of Limitation*

AUTHOR NAME: Melanie Smithson

PUBLISHER NAME: Komodia Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *That Makes Me Mad! - Lessons in Psychotherapy – A Memior*

AUTHOR NAME: John L. Arnold

PUBLISHER NAME: Giles Corey Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stop Letting Your Past Control You: A Step-By-Step Guide to Becoming Who You Want To Be*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Bill O'Leary

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Own Your Color: How to Unleash Your Limitless Potential with One Secret Tool: MENTOR*

AUTHOR NAME: Shikha Bajaj

PUBLISHER NAME: Notion Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art of an Enlightened Woman: A Manifesto*

AUTHOR NAME: Sarah Voldeng

PUBLISHER NAME: Manhattan Book Group/Mindstir Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life is Lifey*

AUTHOR NAME: Sarah Shahi

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reach Out with Acts of Kindness: A Guide to Helping Others in Crisis*

AUTHOR NAME: Letitia E. Hart

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brave New You: Strategies, Tools, and Neurohacks to Live More Courageously Every Day*

AUTHOR NAME: Mary Poffenroth Ph.D

PUBLISHER NAME: Workman Publishing Company

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Things A Black Boys Should Do and Know*

AUTHOR NAME: Jason Huey

PUBLISHER NAME: Jason N.S. Huey

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love To The Extreme: A Miracle Unfolds*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Fang Miao

PUBLISHER NAME: Scientific Open Access Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Five Levels of Conscience*

AUTHOR NAME: Luis Ali

PUBLISHER NAME: 846 Global Publishing

### **Social Change**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hope on the Border*

AUTHOR NAME: Gil Gillenwater

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Pemako Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Humanism from the Heart: Building Bridges Beyond Belief*

AUTHOR NAME: Steve Ghikadis

PUBLISHER NAME: Clifton Summit

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RICH AND POOR IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE*

AUTHOR NAME: HIEN QUY MINH NGUYEN

PUBLISHER NAME: AMAZON KINDLE DIRECT PUBLISHING

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Community Files: Reclaiming Your Community*

AUTHOR NAME: Charles R. Rogers  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Spirituality**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Soul Can You: How Expanded Consciousness Cultivates Spiritual Awakening, Trauma Healing, and Creative Breakthroughs*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Gilbert, MD  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archangel Ink

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tarot Through the Witch's Year: 33 Spreads for Spiritual Connection*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen Krebser  
PUBLISHER NAME: Microcosm Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Zombies and Butterflies: "The mind once stretched by a new idea never returns to its original size" Oliver Wendel Homes Sr*

AUTHOR NAME: R Mayhew  
PUBLISHER NAME: Zombies and Butterflies Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Holler at Your Dreams: Dangerously Inspiring Ideas for the Wild and Dope Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Judi Holler  
PUBLISHER NAME: HOLLA! Worldwide

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A World Connected Within the Bounds of Interpretation: Statistical Thinking, Spiritual Boundaries, and the Faith to Revise What We Believe*

AUTHOR NAME: Lawrence I. Morris

PUBLISHER NAME: Lawrence I. Morris

FULL BOOK TITLE: *It's Never Personal: Weaving Psychology, Neuroscience, and Ancient Wisdom Through a 5-Step Process to Finally Let It Go*

AUTHOR NAME: M Victoria Kennedy

PUBLISHER NAME: Gem-Like Media LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Glimmer Within, Sacred Footprints on the Soul's Timeless Journey*

AUTHOR NAME: Teresa Torba Stepp

PUBLISHER NAME: Teresa Torba Stepp

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Drums of a Distant Tribe: A Son's Message from the Great Beyond*

AUTHOR NAME: David H. Hutton

PUBLISHER NAME: (self) A Walk Across the Bridge Publications

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Empathic Evolution: An Invitation from the Council of We*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Elizabeth Moore

PUBLISHER NAME: Des'Tai Press (a Division of Modern Medicine Lady LLC)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art of an Enlightened Woman: A Manifesto*

AUTHOR NAME: Sarah Voldeng

PUBLISHER NAME: Manhattan Book Group/Mindstir Media

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Path of Fullness – Book 1 of The Way of Unity*

AUTHOR NAME: Devin Kornelsen

PUBLISHER NAME: Devin Kornelsen

## **Sports**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Bandana Express: The True Story of the 1980  
Giles Spartans*

AUTHOR NAME: Jeremy Haymore

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *#MAKINGBELIEVERS*

AUTHOR NAME: Greg Thomas

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Rock Book Writers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Naked Ultra: A Texas-Sized Misadventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

## **Travel**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HEARTLAND HIGHWAYS: In Search of America*

AUTHOR NAME: John W. Butler

PUBLISHER NAME: Story Road Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A National Park Love Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Truxell and Jeff Crum

PUBLISHER NAME: Chris Truxell and Jeff Crum

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Turtle, The Mitten, and An Epic History of Michigan*

AUTHOR NAME: Aaron Helman

PUBLISHER NAME: Aaron Helman Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brave-ish: One Breakup, Six Continents and Feeling Fearless After Fifty*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Niver

PUBLISHER NAME: Post Hill Press

## **True Crime-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vanishing Act: A Crashed Airliner, Faked Death, and Backroom Abortions*

AUTHOR NAME: Jerry Jamison

PUBLISHER NAME: Rowman & Littlefield, a division of Bloomsbury

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Meet the Kellys: The True Story of Machine Gun Kelly and his Moll Kathryn Thorne*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Enss

PUBLISHER NAME: Kensington

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*

AUTHOR NAME: S. Lee Funk, Ed.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press, LLC

**Western**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tilghman: The Legendary Lawman and the Woman Who Inspired Him*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Enss and Howard Kazanjian

PUBLISHER NAME: TwoDot Books

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *An Unsuitable Job*

AUTHOR NAME: Bonnie Hardy

PUBLISHER NAME: On the Other Hand Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Return*

AUTHOR NAME: Mike Torreano

PUBLISHER NAME: The Code Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pawnee Prisoner: The Story of Jane Gotcher Crawford*

AUTHOR NAME: Vivian McCullough

PUBLISHER NAME: Booklocker.com, Inc.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Wild Bill Saga: Prince of Pistoleers*

AUTHOR NAME: Dan Allan and Jerry Allan

PUBLISHER NAME: Independent

### **Women's Issues**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Own Your Color: How to Unleash Your Limitless Potential with One Secret Tool: MENTOR*

AUTHOR NAME: Shikha Bajaj

PUBLISHER NAME: NotionPress

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unbroken: A Survivor's Journey After Sexual Assault*

AUTHOR NAME: Leslie Goth, PSYD.

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BUILT BY US: A Six Sigma Blueprint for Women Reclaiming Power, Purpose, and Process*

AUTHOR NAME: Joy E. Mason

PUBLISHER NAME: Enhanced DNA Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brave-ish: One Breakup, Six Continents and Feeling Fearless After Fifty*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Niver

PUBLISHER NAME: Post Hill Press

## **BOOK OF THE YEAR-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *American Tiger*

AUTHOR NAME: Adam Skolnick

PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Women Who Stand Between*

AUTHOR NAME: Jeannee Sacken

PUBLISHER NAME: Ten 16 Press, an imprint of Orange Hat Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Later Days*

AUTHOR NAME: Chip Jacobs

PUBLISHER NAME: Rare Bird Books

## **BOOK OF THE YEAR-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soldier's Life: A Black Woman's Rise from Army Brat to Six Triple Eight Champion*

AUTHOR NAME: Col. (Ret.) Edna W. Cummings, U.S. Army

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Virginia Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Zenith Man: Death, Love, and Redemption in a Georgia Courtroom*

AUTHOR NAME: McCracken Poston Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Citadel

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hope on the Border*

AUTHOR NAME: Gil Gillenwater

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Pemako Press