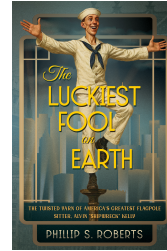


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The Luckiest Fool on Earth: The Twisted Yarn of America's Greatest Flagpole Sitter, Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly has been nominated in the **Historical Fiction** category — **2026 Astra Book Awards**. When reached for comment, author Phillip S. Roberts, said, "I am ecstatic over this news. I want to thank the members of the Hollywood Creative Alliance for this honor. Good luck to all the nominees; its an esteemed group of books for my debut novel to be included in."

- Alvin's legacy — and eventual fall from grace — is memorable. Through universal themes like the danger of fame and ambition—not to mention choices and redemption—the story brings life to historical context while offering readers deeper meaning. His evocative life experiences resonate — particularly his evolution from glory-seeker to survivor as America's era of daredevil feats comes to a close. — Critic's report, The Booklife Prize.
- The Luckiest Fool on Earth presents a comprehensive historical portrait of an extraordinary and unique character who chased the sky while the ground crumbled below him. This book is original, incredibly entertaining, and has a surprisingly powerful message. It is heartwarming and inspiring." — Jeyran Main, Review Tales.
- Filled with hope and reflection, this story set against the backdrop of the Roaring 20s is perfect for fans of historical fiction, ready for a new book. — Kyra O'Connor, News 12.

Author Phillip S. Roberts is available to talk with media and podcasters — guaranteeing an eclectic conversation about the era of daredevils in the 1920s. He can talk about the crazy stunts of the barnstormers, human flies, and flagpole sitters who populated the headlines 100 years ago as well as how that spectacle relates to today's "insta-famous" celebrities. His previous book, *Waikiki Tiki: Art, History, and Photographs* was published by Bess Press Hawaii in 2010.

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