

## 2025 INDEPENDENT AUTHOR AWARDS WINNERS AND FINALISTS

### Action/Adventure

#### WINNER

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Shilpa's Blue Crayon*

AUTHOR NAME: Crystal Charlotte (CC) Lane

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Morgan's Gift*

AUTHOR NAME: Mary S Finch

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Faery Academy of QuillSnap: Night of the Purple Moon*

AUTHOR NAME: Jacqueline Reinig

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Swallowed By Time: Show Me the Way to Go Home: Book Two*

AUTHOR NAME: Darrell G. Coley

PUBLISHER NAME: LifeRich Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ultimatum: The Visitors*

AUTHOR NAME: Jason Elkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Final Eclipse*

AUTHOR NAME: Mathew Huddleston

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Blackest Shade of Blue*

AUTHOR NAME: Alexandra Skovera

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Flight to the Light*

AUTHOR NAME: Danny Barron

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Blackout Effect: Rescue Me!: Book Two*

AUTHOR NAME: Parker Kelly

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gold Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Phoenix Rising Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pirate Tides*

AUTHOR NAME: Kate Heaphy

PUBLISHER NAME: Kate Heaphy

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Where is Charlotte? Or Where is \_\_\_\_\_? A Personal Story-Song Book*

AUTHOR NAME: Mark Gorkin the Stress Doc (Tm)

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### **Activity Books-Adult**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Killing of Madison McGhee*

AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

### **African American Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nuclear Harlot*

AUTHOR NAME: Ayura Ayira

PUBLISHER NAME: Ayura Ayira

## Animals-Pets

### WINNER

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

AUTHOR NAME: David Bush

PUBLISHER NAME: David Bush

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Zeus' Great Adventure: A Tale of Resilience and Pawsitive Thinking*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Eve Weber PhD

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gators Are Great*

AUTHOR NAME: Leann Edwards

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eli the Eagle*

AUTHOR NAME: Barbara Anderson

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Asian American Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *White Glass*

AUTHOR NAME: Nova Wallace

PUBLISHER NAME: Nova Wallace

## Autobiography

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blackwildgirl: A Writer's Journey to Take Back Her Superpower*

AUTHOR NAME: Menah Adeola Eyaside Pratt

PUBLISHER NAME: SheWrites

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Woman of Gold: A Biography of Family, Faith, and Business*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert W. Killick PhD

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press AU

FULL BOOK TITLE: *To War and Back: The World War II Journey of Two West Texas Farm Boys*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The 1929 Kelsie Quilters: The Brave Sisters Who Found a Safe Place to Worship and Raise Families in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*

AUTHOR NAME: Beverly Burnett Hamberlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Authorhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Brown Girl, Brown Girl, Hasn't Anyone?: A Child's Memoir*

AUTHOR NAME: Michele Jeanmarie

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Biography-Historical

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE HATE GAME: Screaming in the Silence*

AUTHOR NAME: Gary Trew

PUBLISHER NAME: Papillon

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red Boots Adventures: Wild West Young Stories of a Young Girl on Mt. Hood Lumberjacks, Native Americans and Mountain Lions*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Bradrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Journey Back into the Vault: In Search of My Faded Cuban Childhood Footprints*

AUTHOR NAME: Mario Cartaya

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

### Body/Mind/Spirit

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Land of the Dancing Rabbits*

AUTHOR NAME: Sharon E. Yarbrough

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gateway to a New World*

AUTHOR NAME: Pauline Edward

PUBLISHER NAME: Pauline Edward

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

FULL BOOK TITLE: *All the Lives In Between*

AUTHOR NAME: Julie Schaeffer

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *10 Little Rules for a Double-Butted Adventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri M Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Little Rules Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Drawn to Feel: A Poetic Expression of Love, Loss, & Soulfulness*

AUTHOR NAME: Irish A.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

### Book Cover Design-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Fisher*

AUTHOR NAME: Pete Beebe

PUBLISHER NAME: Pete Beebe

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silki, the Girl of Many Scarves: CANYON OF DOOM*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gold Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Phoenix Rising Press

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lottie's Luck: A Novel of Frontier West Texas*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

### **Book Cover Design-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

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

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Lang

PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Drawn to Feel: A Poetic Expression of Love, Loss, & Soulfulness*

AUTHOR NAME: Irish A.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk Students\**

AUTHOR NAME: Donna Dukes

PUBLISHER NAME: Optimiste Publications

**Business-Entrepreneurship & Small Business**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Do Good While Doing Well*

AUTHOR NAME: Marcia Dawood

PUBLISHER NAME: Amplify Publishing

**Business-Motivational**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Breaking Free From Financial Trauma*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, CFP®

PUBLISHER NAME: Harvest Wealth Publishing

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Joyful Leadership: Becoming the Light of Christ to the People You Lead with Love*

AUTHOR NAME: Carol Gabriella Norbeck

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

**Career**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Thrive in the AI and Digital Age: The SEAM 4-Step Career Guide & Workbook.*

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AUTHOR NAME: Madeleine F. Wallace, Ph.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Fig Factor Media

**Chapter Book**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *UP SO FLOATING*

AUTHOR NAME: Maureen Hourihan

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charlie's Crabby Day: A Tale of Friendship Against the Tide*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sand Sculpture Competition: A Tale of Teamwork Against All Odds*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

## **Chick-Lit**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crimson: BadAss Biker Bitches Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors  
PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

## **Children's-Fiction (Ages 3-8)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *SMELLY CAT*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARIA ASHWORTH  
PUBLISHER NAME: BIG BELLY BOOK CO.

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sophia & The Castaway Creatures In The Enchanted Land of Saif*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sophia Cosby & Braxton A. Cosby  
PUBLISHER NAME: Cosby Media Productions. Inc.

## **Children's-Early Readers**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Little z and the Letter-Lifters*  
AUTHOR NAME: Diane Disque Kurz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Disque Publishing House

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sand Sculpture Competition: A Tale of Teamwork Against All Odds*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

## **Children's-Inspirational/Motivational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *One Grain of Sand*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ruthie Godfrey  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ruthie Godfrey Books, LLC

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *T(h)ree of My Grandma's Lives*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Heintz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Imajey Creations

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Oo-Oo: Oo-Oo and the Ice-Cream Truck*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cortney L. Barnett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charlie's Crabby Day: A Tale of Friendship Against the Tide*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HILL OF GRACE*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARIA ASHWORTH  
PUBLISHER NAME: BIG BELLY BOOK CO.

## **Children's-Non-Fiction (Ages 3-8)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pintsize Pioneers: Taming the Frontier, One chore at a Time*  
AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis and Harriet Kocher Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

## Coffee Table Book

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art and History of Steinbach Nutcrackers: An Inside Look at the World's Best Nutcrackers*

AUTHOR NAME: Rich West

PUBLISHER NAME: Rich West

## Comedy

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Naughty Nonsense, Lascivious Limericks and Much More*

AUTHOR NAME: David Ellis

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris AU

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ellen in Puzantium*

AUTHOR NAME: CE Huntingdon

PUBLISHER NAME: CE Huntingdon

## Contemporary Novel

### **WINNER**

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Talking White Owl*

AUTHOR NAME: Valerie Hagenbush

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

## Crime Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazardous Lies*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J Wallace  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Last Desperado*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lee Brand  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lee Brand

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Cop*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eve Koguce  
PUBLISHER NAME: Eve Koguce

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Killing of Madison McGhee*  
AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins  
PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Kaleidoscope of Secrets*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sandy Clements  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sandy Clements

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

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Murder By Symbols: A Detective Colton Baker Thriller*  
AUTHOR NAME: E.M. Kelly  
PUBLISHER NAME: Great Blue Hill Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Rude Reception*  
AUTHOR NAME: John Layne  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*  
AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene  
PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

## Cross Genre

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Geri o Shimasu: Adventures of a Baka Gaijin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Alia Luria  
PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starlight Sonata – Annabelle of Beaver Island: Book Two of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*  
AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene  
PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air and Ashes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Margaret Mantor  
PUBLISHER NAME: MM Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Fisher*  
AUTHOR NAME: Pete Beebe  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pete Beebe

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RECKONING*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARK BERTRAND  
PUBLISHER NAME: MARK BERTRAND

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Robin's Gaze*  
AUTHOR NAME: J.E. McCarthy  
PUBLISHER NAME: West Front Media. LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Widow's Savior*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Moonlight in My Eyes: Poems*  
AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

## Current Events

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Place Among Them: A Novel*  
AUTHOR NAME: J. Stanion  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

## Death and Dying

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *T(h)ree of My Grandma's Lives*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Heintz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Imajey Creations

## Debut-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air and Ashes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Margaret Mantor  
PUBLISHER NAME: MM Ink

## FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Affinity Theory – The Affinity Saga Book 1*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazardous Lies*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J Wallace  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Northern Lights – The Ghost of Beaver Island: Book One of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eruption I: The Scene Chronicles*  
AUTHOR NAME: B.C. YOUNG  
PUBLISHER NAME: BISERIAL STUDIO

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Fisher*  
AUTHOR NAME: Pete Beebe  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pete Beebe

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pirate Tides*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kate Heaphy  
PUBLISHER NAME: Kate Heaphy

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor*  
AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RUN*  
AUTHOR NAME: Matthew Becker  
PUBLISHER NAME: Aethon Books

### **Debut-Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns  
PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Geri o Shimasu: Adventures of a Baka Gaijin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Alia Luria  
PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BIRTH OF A HUNTER*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lee R. Davis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Neck Deep LLC

## Divorce

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Every Other Weekend: Coming of Age With Two Different Dads*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anthony J. Mohr  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *DOUGHNUTS FOR DAD*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARIA ASHWORTH  
PUBLISHER NAME: BIG BELLY BOOK CO.

## Educational

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Vademecum of English. A Complete Reference Guide for Teachers and Learners*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ana María López Jimeno  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lexiway Editions

FULL BOOK TITLE: *This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk Students\**  
AUTHOR NAME: Donna Dukes  
PUBLISHER NAME: Optimiste Publications

## Environment

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fabric of Light*  
AUTHOR NAME: Travis Sharp  
PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deep Water Oil - Drillin on the Moon*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tom McAuliffe  
PUBLISHER NAME: Next Stop Paradise Publishing LLC

**Faction (fiction based on fact)**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Northern Lights – The Ghost of Beaver Island: Book One of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Deep Water Oil - Drillin on the Moon*

AUTHOR NAME: Tom McAuliffe

PUBLISHER NAME: Next Stop Paradise Publishing LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

**Fantasy**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Affinity Theory – The Affinity Saga Book 1*

AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Super Super Charro*

AUTHOR NAME: Carlos Lozano

PUBLISHER NAME: Carlos Lozano

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Drying World: Book I - Eastlanders' Fall*

AUTHOR NAME: Alexander Brandon

PUBLISHER NAME: Alexander Brandon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ellen in Puzantium*

AUTHOR NAME: CE Huntingdon

PUBLISHER NAME: CE Huntingdon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eruption I: The Scene Chronicles*

AUTHOR NAME: B.C. YOUNG

PUBLISHER NAME: BISERIAL STUDIO

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air and Ashes*

AUTHOR NAME: Margaret Mantor

PUBLISHER NAME: MM Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Land of Shadows and Moss*

AUTHOR NAME: A.S.R. Gelpi

PUBLISHER NAME: Silver River Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MAGICAL MISSIONS – THE NEW CHOSEN ONES*

AUTHOR NAME: Jaime Enrique Gutiérrez Pérez

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisAU

### **Fiction (General)**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Robin's Gaze: Book One of Alvin's Journey*

AUTHOR NAME: J.E. McCarthy

PUBLISHER NAME: West Front Media, LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love in Another Time*

AUTHOR NAME: Lexa Dudley

PUBLISHER NAME: Matador

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

## Fiction-Southwest

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red River Reunion*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gunslingers: A Story of the Old West (Luxton Danner Westerns Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Return to Canyon Creek*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Rude Reception*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Widow's Savior*

AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin

PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

## Friendship

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charlie's Crabby Day: A Tale of Friendship Against the Tide*

AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crimson: BadAss Biker Bitches Book 2*

AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors

PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sand Sculpture Competition: A Tale of Teamwork Against All Odds*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enochson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

### Grief

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Those Darn Stripes*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tyrel Nelson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tyrel Nelson

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love Again, Love for Them*  
AUTHOR NAME: R.A. Lee  
PUBLISHER NAME: Caffrey Creative

### Historical-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Damnatio Memoriae*  
AUTHOR NAME: S.P. Somtow  
PUBLISHER NAME: Diplodocus Press

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starlight Sonata – Annabelle of Beaver Island: Book Two of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Book 1 – Galileo's Points of Light in the Night Sky*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Katherine E.A. Korkidis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Until the Stars Align*  
AUTHOR NAME: Carolyn Summer Quinn  
PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Topaz Ocean Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Northern Lights – The Ghost of Beaver Island: Book One of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Reincarnation of Marie*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Woodman

PUBLISHER NAME: Legacy Launch Pad

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Heather's Journey: Historical Romance of 1930*

AUTHOR NAME: K.C. Foster

PUBLISHER NAME: K.C. Foster

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Evelyn Daydreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Laura Spivak

PUBLISHER NAME: Bear Pond Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blackberry Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gunslingers: A Story of the Old West (Luxton Danner Westerns Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Return to Canyon Creek*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red River Reunion*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *WHEN THE VIOLIN WEEPS*

AUTHOR NAME: Glenn Starkey

PUBLISHER NAME: Bookbaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gold Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Phoenix Rising Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hatfield 1677*

AUTHOR NAME: Laura C. Rader

PUBLISHER NAME: Acorn Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Last Desperado*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lee Brand  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lee Brand

### **Holiday**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *LITTLE FIR WITH A BIG WISH*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARIA ASHWORTH  
PUBLISHER NAME: BIG BELLY BOOK CO.

### **Horror**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Have I Ever*  
AUTHOR NAME: Harker Jones  
PUBLISHER NAME: Harker Jones

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Fair and The Castle*  
AUTHOR NAME: D.W. Socha  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### **How-To**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Oo-Oo: Oo-Oo and the Ice-Cream Truck*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cortney L. Barnett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Earth Day Edible Earth Goes Soccer Ball: Whole Foods Signature*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michele Jeanmarie  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Humor

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Dull!*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Sharp

PUBLISHER NAME: Heather Sharp

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Geri o Shimasu: Adventures of a Baka Gaijin*

AUTHOR NAME: Alia Luria

PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *God Bless Us, Every One!: A Farcical Fantasy Novel*

AUTHOR NAME: David R. Coombs

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blackberry Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

## Inspirational

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Life of Riley Living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*

AUTHOR NAME: Dianne DeMille PhD and Nina Stuart Herrera

PUBLISHER NAME: Dianne's Consultant Services

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Dull!*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Sharp

PUBLISHER NAME: Heather Sharp

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inspired and Mot5ivated*

AUTHOR NAME: Tim White

PUBLISHER NAME: Tim White

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Testimonies of His Amazing Grace: When God Shows Up*

AUTHOR NAME: Kin Szeto

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Eyes of a Child*  
AUTHOR NAME: Fred Robertshaw  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *One Grain of Sand*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ruthie Godfrey  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ruthie Godfrey Books, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE HATE GAME: Screaming in the Silence*  
AUTHOR NAME: Gary Trew  
PUBLISHER NAME: Papillon

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Devotionals from a Soulless Machine: A Journey of Faith through Artificial Intelligence*  
AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis and Harriet Kocher Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Moment*  
AUTHOR NAME: James H. Bloom  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Book Company

### Legacy Non-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sons of Chester: A Tale of Small Town Boys, Baseball, and Very Big Dreams*  
AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau and Kevin L. Gingrich  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Do Ask Do Tell: Speech is a Fundamental Right; Being Listened to Is a Privilege*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bill Boushka  
PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stories from the Heart: Lions Serving the World One Person at a Time*  
AUTHOR NAME: Robert S. Littlefield  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Play Golf Forever: Treating LOW BACK PAIN & IMPROVING Your Golf Swing Through Fitness*

AUTHOR NAME: Michale Jaffe DO DO

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stepping Out: A New Believer's Guide*

AUTHOR NAME: S.T. Stone

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Legal Thriller**

#### **WINNER**

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

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Stockham

PUBLISHER NAME: Whistling Pigs Press LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bottled Lightning*

AUTHOR NAME: L.M. Weeks

PUBLISHER NAME: South Fork Publishers; 1<sup>st</sup> edition

### **LGBTQIA Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Alysé Diaries*

AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soul's Caress: Breathe*

AUTHOR NAME: Camelia Bennett

PUBLISHER NAME: Camelia Bennett

## LGBTQIA Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

## Literary Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love in Another Time*

AUTHOR NAME: Lexa Dudley

PUBLISHER NAME: Matador

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Alysé Diaries*

AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Kabibbles A-B-C*

AUTHOR NAME: Amy R. Connely

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eruption I: The Scene Chronicles*

AUTHOR NAME: B.C. YOUNG

PUBLISHER NAME: BISERIAL STUDIO

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Robin's Gaze*

AUTHOR NAME: J.E. McCarthy

PUBLISHER NAME: West Front Media. LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RECKONING*

AUTHOR NAME: MARK BERTRAND

PUBLISHER NAME: MARK BERTRAND

## Marriage

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Till Tomorrow Never Comes*

AUTHOR NAME: AW Anthony

PUBLISHER NAME: AW Anthony

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

## Medical

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Who's Caring For You*

AUTHOR NAME: Sherry Shaffer Ratajczak

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Memoir

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE HATE GAME: Screaming in the Silence*

AUTHOR NAME: Gary Trew

PUBLISHER NAME: Papillon

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BIRTH OF A HUNTER*

AUTHOR NAME: Lee R. Davis

PUBLISHER NAME: Neck Deep LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Bilagáana Boy among the Navajo*

AUTHOR NAME: Jay Jones

PUBLISHER NAME: Jay Jones

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because: A CIA Coverup and a Son's Odyssey to Find the Father He Never Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: James B. Wells

PUBLISHER NAME: Milspeak Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Dull!*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Sharp

PUBLISHER NAME: Heather Sharp

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Geri o Shimasu: Adventures of a Baka Gaijin*

AUTHOR NAME: Alia Luria

PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Turning Water Into Butter*

AUTHOR NAME: Sammy Orelien

PUBLISHER NAME: Sammy Orelien

FULL BOOK TITLE: *FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Robin Gethers

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon Kindle Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Life of Riley Living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*

AUTHOR NAME: Dianne DeMille PhD and Nina Stuart Herrera

PUBLISHER NAME: Dianne's Consultant Services

### **Men's Health**

#### **WINNER**

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

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

### **Military Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sky Thunder*

AUTHOR NAME: Charles A. Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Charles A. Stewart

### **FINALISTS**

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gold Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Phoenix Rising Press

### **Military Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because: A CIA Coverup and a Son's Odyssey to Find the Father He Never Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: James B. Wells

PUBLISHER NAME: Milspeak Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *To War and Back: The World War II Journey of Two West Texas Farm Boys*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ellen in Puzantium*

AUTHOR NAME: CE Huntingdon

PUBLISHER NAME: CE Huntingdon

## Motivational

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Breaking Free From Financial Trauma*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, CFP®

PUBLISHER NAME: Harvest Wealth Publishing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Life of Riley Living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*

AUTHOR NAME: Dianne DeMille PhD and Nina Stuart Herrera

PUBLISHER NAME: Dianne's Consultant Services

## Multicultural-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Gold Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Phoenix Rising Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

## Multicultural Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk Students\**

AUTHOR NAME: Donna Dukes

PUBLISHER NAME: Optimiste Publications

## Mystery

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MYSTERY FROM WAY BACK WHEN*

AUTHOR NAME: Carolyn Summer Quinn

PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Topaz Ocean Enterprises

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazardous Lies*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J Wallace

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *SHELL GAME*

AUTHOR NAME: H. MAX HILLER

PUBLISHER NAME: INDIES UNITED PUBLISHING HOUSE LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Killing of Madison McGhee*

AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

FULL BOOK TITLE: *After You, My Dear: I will always follow you*

AUTHOR NAME: PJ Ellis

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Murder By Symbols: A Detective Colton Baker Thriller*

AUTHOR NAME: E.M. Kelly

PUBLISHER NAME: Great Blue Hill Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Rude Reception*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *CONVOLUTED: The 1972 Durham Family Triple Homicide*

AUTHOR NAME: Terry L. Harmon

PUBLISHER NAME: Kindle Direct Publishing

## Native/Indigenous/First Nations Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silki, the Girl of Many Scarves: CANYON OF DOOM*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

## Nature

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Street Trees of Seattle: An Illustrated Walking Guide*

AUTHOR NAME: Taha Ebrahimi

PUBLISHER NAME: Sasquatch Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Earth Day Edible Earth Goes Soccer Ball: Whole Foods Signature*

AUTHOR NAME: Michele Jeanmarie

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## New Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Fisher*

AUTHOR NAME: Pete Beebe

PUBLISHER NAME: Pete Beebe

### FINALIST

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Robin's Gaze: Book One of Alvin's Journey*

AUTHOR NAME: J.E. McCarthy

PUBLISHER NAME: West Front Media, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Surgeon*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jane Doe  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### New Non-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because: A CIA Coverup and a Son's Odyssey to Find the Father He Never Knew*  
AUTHOR NAME: James B. Wells  
PUBLISHER NAME: Milspeak Books

### New Age-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*  
AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene  
PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

### New Age-Non-Fiction

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Aquarius: The Age of Revelation, Choice and Transformation*  
AUTHOR NAME: Pauline Edward  
PUBLISHER NAME: Pauline Edward

## Nineteenth Century Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Frayed Promises: A Life Affirming Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Lynn U. Watson

PUBLISHER NAME: Lynn U. Watson

## Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because: A CIA Coverup and a Son's Odyssey to Find the Father He Never Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: James B. Wells

PUBLISHER NAME: Milspeak Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Last Ride of the Old Peacekeepers: The Moment Within the Moment*

AUTHOR NAME: Bill Mathews

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk Students\**

AUTHOR NAME: Donna Dukes

PUBLISHER NAME: Optimiste Publications

## Parenting and Family

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why Does Grandma Drop Things?*

AUTHOR NAME: Diane Disque Kurz

PUBLISHER NAME: Disque Publishing House

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The True Meaning of Christmas*

AUTHOR NAME: Thomas Christopher Grimm

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Letters From Jesus: Poems of Guidance*

AUTHOR NAME: Regina Marie Blaylock

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Along Came Hell, or So I Thought*

AUTHOR NAME: Lois Young

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Hope You Are Having a Great Day! I Know I Am!*

AUTHOR NAME: Pam Christian

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Guardian Wings*

AUTHOR NAME: Susan Kennard

PUBLISHER NAME: BalboaPressUK

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

### **Performing Arts**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Shakespeare Sonnets as Scenes, The Sonnet as a Storytelling Device*

AUTHOR NAME: Diane Disque Kurz

PUBLISHER NAME: Disque Publishing House

### **Personal Growth**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ice and Fire: Thawing a Murderer's Heart*

AUTHOR NAME: Baldur Einarsson

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon Publishing Plus

## FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Personality Intelligence: Master the Art of Being You (For Your Sake and Everyone Else's)*

AUTHOR NAME: Merrick Rosenberg

PUBLISHER NAME: Merrick Rosenberg

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Running Wild: More Than Scars*

AUTHOR NAME: Katherine Friese MSN APRN CNP

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Caregiver's Journey*

AUTHOR NAME: Elizabeth Del

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE 3*

AUTHOR NAME: Timeout A Taumua

PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

## Philosophy

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE 3*

AUTHOR NAME: Timeout A Tāumua

PUBLISHER NAME Christian Faith Publishing

## Picture Books-All Ages

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *T(h)ree of My Grandma's Lives*

AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Heintz

PUBLISHER NAME: Imajey Creations

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Kaygan's Adventure: My Feelings Matter*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Darcele Marie Cole Robinson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Nana Darcele Stories

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Cows With Bangs – A Stylish Tale of Acceptance*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enockson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

### **Picture Books-Preschool**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why?*  
AUTHOR NAME: Elena Kayne  
PUBLISHER NAME: Elena Berdine

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Oo-Oo: Oo-Oo and the Ice-Cream Truck*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cortney L. Barnett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Who Drank My Chocolate Milk?*  
AUTHOR NAME: Diane Disque Kurz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Disque Publishing House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GREAT GRANNY GOOSE SAYS: A Tale of New Orleans*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jo Ann Schmidt  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bertha the Ordinary Chicken*  
AUTHOR NAME: Danna Southwell  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

Poetry

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love, Light & Other Beautiful Lies: A Poetic Memoir of Spiritual Materialism*

AUTHOR NAME: Sean P. Russell

PUBLISHER NAME: Sean P. Russell

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *no rain, no flowers*

AUTHOR NAME: Mia Haas

PUBLISHER NAME: Mia Haas

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ALL FOR DT*

AUTHOR NAME: Barbara Hagen

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Breathing Sorrow: A Journey Through Grief and the Pathway to Reluctant Survival*

AUTHOR NAME: Carole-Ann Bear

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In This Macrocosm There Is A Rose*

AUTHOR NAME: Fin Rose Aborizk

PUBLISHER NAME: Dreams In Hiding

FULL BOOK TITLE: *We Are More Than Just This*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Favala Goldman

PUBLISHER NAME: cyberwit.net

FULL BOOK TITLE: *IN THE EYES OF AN OLD BLACK MAN*

AUTHOR NAME: Ron Whitlock

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Drawn to Feel: A Poetic Expression of Love, Loss, & Soulfulness*

AUTHOR NAME: Irish A.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

**Political**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inside Impeachment—Diary of a Congressman: Lessons Learned*

AUTHOR NAME: Honorable Clifford B. Stearns

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fire Under Ashes: Iranian Renaissance*

AUTHOR NAME: Khalil Nikkhesal

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

**Political Thriller**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Otello's Oil: A Saga of Blood and Oil*

AUTHOR NAME: D.W. Layton

PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *CANT STOP THE FUNK*

AUTHOR NAME: H. MAX HILLER

PUBLISHER NAME: INDIES UNITED PUBLISHING HOUSE LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Society*

AUTHOR NAME: C.G. Abbot

PUBLISHER NAME: Blazing Sword Publishing, Ltd.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Leashes, Love, and Lies*

AUTHOR NAME: Marianne Middelveen

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RUN*

AUTHOR NAME: Matthew Becker

PUBLISHER NAME: Aethon Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Homecoming Queen: A Small Town Political Thriller*

AUTHOR NAME: Chad Boudreaux

PUBLISHER NAME: Morgan James Fiction

## Psychiatry/Psychology

### WINNER

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

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

PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MASTERING THINKING: Reasoning, Psychology, and Scientific Methods*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael J. Ireland

PUBLISHER NAME: University of Southern Queensland

## Fiction-Midwest

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starlight Sonata – Annabelle of Beaver Island: Book Two of the Watson Family of Beaver Island*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

PUBLISHER NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bertie's Place*

AUTHOR NAME: Edie Goodwin

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## Fiction – Southeast

### WINNER

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Heather's Journey: Historical Romance of 1930*  
AUTHOR NAME: K.C. Foster  
PUBLISHER NAME: K.C. Foster

## **Movies and Television**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crimson: BadAss Biker Bitches Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors  
PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

## **Non-Fiction – Southeast**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk Students\**  
AUTHOR NAME: Donna Dukes  
PUBLISHER NAME: Optimiste Publications

## **Non-Fiction – Southwest**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Bilagáana Boy among the Navajo*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jay Jones  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jay Jones

## Non-Fiction Northeast

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Temple Made: Profiles in Grit*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ronnyjane Goldsmith  
PUBLISHER NAME: The History Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Delaware from Railways to Freeways: First State, Second Phase*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dave Tabler  
PUBLISHER NAME: Dave Tabler

## Relationships

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns  
PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

### FINALISTS

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

## Religious-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Frayed Promises: A Life Affirming Story*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lynn U. Watson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lynn U. Watson

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Matriarch Messiah: An Epic Sci-Fi Suspense Thriller*  
AUTHOR NAME: Maxime Trencavel  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tail of the Bird Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Face of Deception*  
AUTHOR NAME: Victoria Quinn  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Name I choose*  
AUTHOR NAME: Holly Brough  
PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ishiata: Temple Slave*  
AUTHOR NAME: Christine A Cornell  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Religion-Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Witnesses of God's Redemptive Passion: An Imaginative Narration of Old Testament Relationships Foreshadowing the Messiah*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J. Schafers  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE 3*  
AUTHOR NAME: Timeout A Taumua  
PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Devotionals from a Soulless Machine: A Journey of Faith through Artificial Intelligence*  
AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis and Harriet Kocher Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Light Up The Sky*  
AUTHOR NAME: Leah Vidal Carrosquilla  
PUBLISHER NAME: Leah Vidal Carrosquilla

## Romance

### WINNER

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

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Robin's Gaze: Book One of Alvin's Journey*  
AUTHOR NAME: J.E. McCarthy  
PUBLISHER NAME: West Front Media, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tucker Blood*  
AUTHOR NAME: Raeann Blake  
PUBLISHER NAME: Raeann Blake

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Love in Another Time*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lexa Dudley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Matador

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inside Religion*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jane Doe  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crimson: BadAss Biker Bitches Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors  
PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

## Romantic Comedy

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *An Improbable Alliance*  
AUTHOR NAME: Diane Coia-Ramsay  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Natural Kill*  
AUTHOR NAME: Paul G. Kaloyeropoulos  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Science Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Matriarch Messiah: An Epic Sci-Fi Suspense Thriller*

AUTHOR NAME: Maxime Trencavel

PUBLISHER NAME: Tail of the Bird Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Elysium Rising*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen A Salaka

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Overlap: The Lives of a Former Time Jumper*

AUTHOR NAME: N. Joseph Glass

PUBLISHER NAME: N. Joseph Glass

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Finding Idyllium: Earth's Stolen Future*

AUTHOR NAME: N. Joseph Glass

PUBLISHER NAME: N. Joseph Glass

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Affinity Theory – The Affinity Saga Book 1*

AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eruption I: The Scene Chronicles*

AUTHOR NAME: B.C. YOUNG

PUBLISHER NAME: BISERIAL STUDIO

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air and Ashes*

AUTHOR NAME: Margaret Mantor

PUBLISHER NAME: MM Ink

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sentience Hazard*

AUTHOR NAME: Alexandru Czimbor

PUBLISHER NAME: Bookbaby

## Self Help: General

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Personality Intelligence: Master the Art of Being You (For Your Sake and Everyone Else's)*

AUTHOR NAME: Merrick Rosenberg

PUBLISHER NAME: Merrick Rosenberg

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

FULL BOOK TITLE: *From the Starting Gate: The Winning Strategies for Wealth, Health, and Happiness*

AUTHOR NAME: Billy Peterson

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MENTAL TOUGHNESS FOR LEADERS*

AUTHOR NAME: CLAUDIO CHISTE

PUBLISHER NAME: MIND POWER PUBLICATIONS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Transmutation and the Human Consciousness*

AUTHOR NAME: Ann Edgecliff

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Self Help: Motivational

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Science Behind Spirituality: A Guide to Unlocking and Living Your Full Potential*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Babber

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *BROKEN but HEALING*

AUTHOR NAME: Bella St. Patrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Breaking Free From Financial Trauma*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, CFP®

PUBLISHER NAME: Harvest Wealth Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *10 Little Rules for a Double-Butted Adventure*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri M Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Little Rules Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *History is Destiny: Unless Wisdom and Caring Intercedes*

AUTHOR NAME: H. John Lyke

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crazier Things Have Happened*

AUTHOR NAME: Stacey Webber

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

## Sexuality

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Alysé Diaries*

AUTHOR NAME: B. Danielle Watkins

PUBLISHER NAME: Halo Publishing International

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Our Deepest Roots: Navigating Past Trauma to Build Healthier Queer Relationships*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Jen Towns

PUBLISHER NAME: Publish Your Purpose

## Short Stories

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nothing Short of Odd*

AUTHOR NAME: Loredano Cafaro

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild West Life Stories of a Young Girl on Mt. Hood Lumberjacks, Native Americans and Mountain Lions*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Bradrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press a Division of Hay House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stories from Ecuador*

AUTHOR NAME: Tyrel Nelson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tyrel Nelson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Fullness of Tion*

AUTHOR NAME: J.C. Gemmell

PUBLISHER NAME: J.C. Gemmell

## **Spirituality**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Word That Loves You: Begin*

AUTHOR NAME: Allen Thompson Brillhart III

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Karma Sequence (The Karma Kantata – Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: A. O. Wagner (Pen name for Jakob Kristiansen)

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE 3*

AUTHOR NAME: Timeout A Taumua

PUBLISHER NAME: Christian Faith Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Four Seeds*

AUTHOR NAME: Mary Grace Klukosky

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

**Social/Political Change**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Cop*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eve Koguce  
PUBLISHER NAME: Eve Koguce

**Suspense**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazardous Lies*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J Wallace  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Society*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.G. Abbot  
PUBLISHER NAME: Blazing Sword Publishing, Ltd.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fear of Dreams*  
AUTHOR NAME: Victoria Lee  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Marblehead Mistake*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bill Rita  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Rude Reception*  
AUTHOR NAME: John Layne  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*  
AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene  
PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor*  
AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

## Technology

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Singularity of Hope: Humanity's Role in an AI-Dominated Future*

AUTHOR NAME: Sam Sammane

PUBLISHER NAME: Authors On Mission

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Can AI Be Humorous?: Exploring the Lighter Side of AI—Laugh and Learn*

AUTHOR NAME: Tom G. Anderson

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

## Teen Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Charlotte's Ghosts: The Mystery of the Vanishing Boy*

AUTHOR NAME: L. P. Simone

PUBLISHER NAME: Dragon Song Publishing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silki, the Girl of Many Scarves: CANYON OF DOOM*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Tale of Oknytt & Gray Gnomes: Book 1 of the Ella Trilogy*

AUTHOR NAME: Catarina Hansson

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse UK

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

AUTHOR NAME: Gracie Dix

PUBLISHER NAME: Gracie Dix

Thriller

WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Murder By Symbols: A Detective Colton Baker Thriller*

AUTHOR NAME: E.M. Kelly

PUBLISHER NAME: Great Blue Hill Publishing

FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazardous Lies*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen J Wallace

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Cop*

AUTHOR NAME: Eve Koguce

PUBLISHER NAME: Eve Koguce

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Society*

AUTHOR NAME: C.G. Abbot

PUBLISHER NAME: Blazing Sword Publishing, Ltd.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Without Faith*

AUTHOR NAME: Keith McClean

PUBLISHER NAME: LifeRich Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soul's Caress: Breathe*

AUTHOR NAME: Camelia Bennett

PUBLISHER NAME: Camelia Bennett

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Last Drive*

AUTHOR NAME: David Wilson

PUBLISHER NAME: David Wilson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Rude Reception*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes of Fortune: The Search of Braddock's Lost Gold*

AUTHOR NAME: David R. Leng

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RUN*

AUTHOR NAME: Matthew Becker

PUBLISHER NAME: Aethon Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *RECKONING*

AUTHOR NAME: MARK BERTRAND

PUBLISHER NAME: MARK BERTRAND

### Travel

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Geri o Shimasu: Adventures of a Baka Gaijin*

AUTHOR NAME: Alia Luria

PUBLISHER NAME: Unsolicited Press

#### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *If They Could Only Understand Us..*

AUTHOR NAME: Irina Zaslavsky

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Stories from Ecuador*

AUTHOR NAME: Tyrel Nelson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tyrel Nelson

### True Crime

#### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *CONVOLUTED: The 1972 Durham Family Triple Homicide*

AUTHOR NAME: Terry L. Harmon

PUBLISHER NAME: Kindle Direct Publishing

## Visionary Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dream Fisher*

AUTHOR NAME: Pete Beebe

PUBLISHER NAME: Pete Beebe

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Matriarch Messiah: An Epic Sci-Fi Suspense Thriller*

AUTHOR NAME: Maxime Trencavel

PUBLISHER NAME: Tail of the Bird Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eruption I: The Scene Chronicles*

AUTHOR NAME: B.C. YOUNG

PUBLISHER NAME: BISERIAL STUDIO

## Non-Fiction-West

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Never Dull!*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Sharp

PUBLISHER NAME: Heather Sharp

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild West Life Stories of a Young Girl on Mt. Hood*

*Lumberjacks, Native Americans and Mountain Lions*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Bradrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press a Division of Hay House

## War

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because: A CIA Coverup and a Son's Odyssey to Find the Father He Never Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: James B. Wells

PUBLISHER NAME: Milspeak Books

## Western

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gunslingers: A Story of the Old West (Luxton Danner Westerns Book 1)*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Return to Canyon Creek*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Red River Reunion*

AUTHOR NAME: John Layne

PUBLISHER NAME: The Word Verve

## Women's Issues

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sunrise in Gihon: Revisiting David and Bathsheba*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Coates

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisUS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild West Life Stories of a Young Girl on Mt. Hood  
Lumberjacks, Native Americans and Mountain Lions*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Bradrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press a Division of Hay House

## Women's Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Accidental Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Crimson: BadAss Biker Bitches Book 2*

AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors

PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Meaning of Okay*

AUTHOR NAME: Cortney Raymond

PUBLISHER NAME: BookBaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Wisdom of the Willow*

AUTHOR NAME: Nancy Chadwick

PUBLISHER NAME: She Writes Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Fatale: Shades of Retribution*

AUTHOR NAME: Italia Tornabene

PUBLISHER NAME: Italia Tornabene

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Widow's Savior*

AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin

PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Frayed Promises: A Life Affirming Story*

AUTHOR NAME: Lynn U. Watson

PUBLISHER NAME: Lynn U. Watson

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reminders of You: The Story of Sam and Catarina*

AUTHOR NAME: Calliope Casimiro

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Once And For All*

AUTHOR NAME: Anju Gattani

PUBLISHER NAME: Anjana Gattani

## Writing and Publishing

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Courage for Today and Hope for Tomorrow: Surviving Three Strokes*

AUTHOR NAME: Leila Hayes BS MA.Ed MA

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ezra's Day Off*

AUTHOR NAME: Hope Hershey

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Young Adult Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blackberry Road*

AUTHOR NAME: Jodi Lea Stewart

PUBLISHER NAME: Progressive Rising Phoenix Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Heather's Journey: Historical Romance of 1930*

AUTHOR NAME: K.C. Foster

PUBLISHER NAME: K.C. Foster

FULL BOOK TITLE: *MAGICAL MISSIONS – THE NEW CHOSEN ONES*

AUTHOR NAME: Jaime Enrique Gutiérrez Pérez

PUBLISHER NAME: XlibrisAU

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

AUTHOR NAME: Debbie Berlin

PUBLISHER NAME: Outskirts Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air and Ashes*

AUTHOR NAME: Margaret Mantor

PUBLISHER NAME: MM Ink

**Young Adult Non-Fiction**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Bilagáana Boy among the Navajo*

AUTHOR NAME: Jay Jones

PUBLISHER NAME: Jay Jones

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wild West Life Stories of a Young Girl on Mt. Hood*

*Lumberjacks, Native Americans and Mountain Lions*

AUTHOR NAME: Heather Bradrick

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press a Division of Hay House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Poems for Puppies*

AUTHOR NAME: Joe Smalling

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US