

INDEPENDENT AUTHOR NETWORK
BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2018 WINNERS and FINALISTS

Congratulations to all Winners. Finalists, listed in random order.

The 2018 Fiction Books of the Year

First Place

Mistress Suffragette - Diana Forbes

Second Place

The Other Side of Freedom - Cynthia T. Toney

Third Place

War Serenade - Jill Wallace

The 2018 Non-Fiction Books of the Year

First Place

Lessons from a CF Cornerman: 38 Lessons I Learned During my Wife's Illness and Lung Transplant - Raymond L. Poole

Second Place

Remembering Shanghai: A Memoir of Socialites, Scholars and Scoundrels –

Claire Chao

Third Place

You Can't Buy Love Like That: Growing Up Gay in the Sixties - Carol Anderson

Fiction - Action/Adventure

The Outstanding Action / Adventure

The Land: Predators: Chaos Seeds Book VII - Aleron Kong

Finalists

Billy Gogan, American - Roger Higgins

Malthus Revisited: The Cup of Wrath - Lin Wilder

Remedy - K.J. Simmill

The Brotherhood of the Black Flag - Ian Nathaniel Cohen

Maya Hope: A Dr. Nicklaus Hart Novel - Timothy Browne

Garbage Man - Erik Dean

Fiction - Children's Illustrated

The Outstanding Children's Fiction Illustrated

The Jaguar's Story - Kosa Ely

Finalists

Lily Pond - Shelley Daniels Lekven

Nibbler & the Captain Make Peace - Kathy J Perry

My Little Angel - Sherrill Cannon

Absurdimals: Lola Goes to School - Gwendolyn Javor

A Song of Dreams: Desdemona's Dreams, Volume 3 - Z.W. Mohr

Izzy's Twinkling Star - Naveed Ali

Fiction - Children/Juvenile

The Outstanding Children's Fiction

The Other Side of Freedom - Cynthia T. Toney

Finalists

The Lost Celt - A. E. Conran

Daisy, Bold & Beautiful - Ellie Collins

Passage to Avalon: The Epic Adventures of the Techno Wizard - Mike Thayer

The Adventures of Captain Waffello: Toasty's Revenge - Aiden Dennis

It's A Kid's Life: Double Digits - Kerry Gibb

Fiction - Christian / Religious

The Outstanding Christian / Religious Fiction

Her Good Girl - Elaine Stock

Finalists

The Song of Sadie Sparrow - Kitty Foth-Regner

The Color of Truth - Stacy Monson

Vivir el Dream - Allison Garcia

Sarah's Song - Vicky Whedbee

Magnolia Storms - Janet Ferguson

Mary Poser: Butterflies and white lies as Bollywood comes to Nashville - Angel A

Fiction - Fantasy

The Outstanding Fantasy

The Shaman's Apprentice - B. Muze

Finalists

The Wizards of Central Park West: Ultimate Urban Fantasy - Arjay Lewis

The Hidden Empire: Deep City Book 1 - E. G. Jensen

Portals in Time: The Quest for Un-Old-Age - John Teressi

Nite Fire: Flash Point - C.L. Schneider

The Land: Predators: Chaos Seeds Book VII - Aleron Kong

The Reckoning: The Legend of Oescienne Book 5 - Jenna Elizabeth Johnson

Fiction - First Novel

The Outstanding First Novel

Mistress Suffragette - Diana Forbes

Finalists

War Serenade - Jill Wallace

A Glance at my Other - Bruce Wilkerson

Black Hearts White Minds - Mitch Margo

The Lost Celt - A. E. Conran

The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride - Joe Siple

Tread Softly On My Dreams - Gretta Curran Browne

One-Two - Igor Eliseev

Fight – Betsy Ross

Fiction - Historical

The Outstanding Historical

Israela - Batya Casper

Finalists

Overruled by Fate - Leila Snow

Truly Are the Free: Sweet Wine of Youth Book 2 - Jeffrey K. Walker

The Other Side of Freedom - Cynthia T. Toney

Mistress Suffragette - Diana Forbes

Back to Yesterday - Pamela Sparkman

The Great War - Dawn Knox

Fiction - Horror

The Outstanding Horror

***The Muse: A Novel Of Unrelenting Terror* - Arjay Lewis**

Finalists

The Last Odinian - Alec Arbogast

Knuckle Balled - Drew Stepek

Cryptic - Erik Dean

Hellhound - Lou Yardley

The 12 Terrors of Christmas - Claudette Melanson and Lynn Lamb

Humor/Comedy/Satire - Fiction and Non-Fiction

The Outstanding Humor/Comedy/Satire

The Allmoods Cookbook - The Kitchen Therapist

Finalists

Waking Up in Vegas - Gabrielle Dorian

The Beginner's Guide to Spouse Removal - Sandra Sperling

The Copper Economy - Chuck Rygg

The Author Is Dead - Ches Smith

Herkimer's Nose: A Kingston Story - Richard Schwindt

69 Shades of Nashville: Sociopathic Sex Southern Style - Nicole Kelly M.D.

LGBT - Fiction and Non-Fiction

The Outstanding LGBT

***The Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name: Short Stories* - Fiza Pathan**

Finalists

You Can't Buy Love Like That: Growing Up Gay in the Sixties - Carol Anderson

The Square Donut - Lauren Crane

The Beasts of Electra Drive - Rohan Quine

Luchador - Erin Finnegan

Escapement: An Exquisite Tale of Love and Passion - Kristen Wolf

Sorcerous Rivalry - Kayleigh Nicol

Fiction - Literary / General

The Outstanding Literary / General Fiction

***War Serenade* - Jill Wallace**

Finalists

One-Two - Igor Eliseev

Israela - Batya Casper

Of Metal and Earth - Jennifer M Lane

Mourning Dove - Claire Fullerton

Smash All The Windows - Jane Davis

Crooked Grow the Trees - Carmel Hanes

Fiction - Mystery

The Outstanding Mystery

***Grip of the Hawk* - Brenda Schaeffer**

Finalists

Venetian Blood: Murder in a Sensuous City - Christine Evelyn Volker

That Unexpected Kiss: Kissed By Fate 2 - Tamara Ferguson

Flock: The Gathering of The Damned - Jana Petken

The Weight of Shadows - Karl Holton

The Hollows: A Midnight Gunn Novel - C.L. Monaghan

A Line Intersected - David Urban

Fiction - Novella

The Outstanding Novella

***The Forgotten Painting: A Historical Mystery Novella* - Gabriel Farago**

Finalists

Torment: A Novella - H.D. Hunter

Flame and Form: Draghans of Firiehn Book 1 - Jenna Elizabeth Johnson

The Occupation of Joe - Bill Baynes

Tiny Tim and The Ghost of Ebenezer Scrooge - Norman Whaler

Two Hearts Find Christmas - Tamara Ferguson

Haunted Hair Nights - Nancy J. Cohen

Fiction - Paranormal / Supernatural

The Outstanding Paranormal / Supernatural

***Love After Life* - Richard Sieg**

Finalists

A Glance at my Other - Bruce Wilkerson

The Hollows: A Midnight Gunn Novel - C.L. Monaghan

Eternal Bloodlines - J C Brennan

The Last Odinian - Alec Arbogast

Chrysalis - Angie Martin

The Contract: between heaven and earth - Gwen M. Plano

Fiction - Romance

The Outstanding Romance

***Overruled by Fate* - Leila Snow**

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War Serenade - Jill Wallace

Mistress Suffragette - Diana Forbes
That Unexpected Kiss: Kissed By Fate 2 - Tamara Ferguson
The Contract: between heaven and earth - Gwen M. Plano
The Demon Duke - Margaret Locke
Half Sac: Fall Boys Book 1 - Thia Finn

Fiction - Science Fiction

The Outstanding Science Fiction

***Driven to the Hilt: The Deepest Cut* - DG Lamb**

Finalists

Becoming Animals - Olga Werby and Christopher Werby
Halley's Casino: The Adventures of Nebula Yorker - Mark Fahey
The Land: Predators: Chaos Seeds Book VII - Aleron Kong
The Anuan Legacy: Book 1 of The Anuan Legacy Series - Traci Ison Schafer
Bound Souls: A Fantasy Romance - N.D. Jones
River's Child - Mark Seiler

Fiction-Thriller / Suspense

The Outstanding Thriller/Suspense

***8 Seconds to Midnight* - John Leifer**

Finalists

Scabland - Adam Smith
A u 7 9: A Tracker Novel - Anita Dickason
Grip of the Hawk - Brenda Schaeffer
Black Hearts White Minds - Mitch Margo
The Contract: between heaven and earth - Gwen M. Plano
Lara's Journal: A Sizzling, Psychological Suspense - A. Gavazzoni

Fiction - Women's Fiction

The Outstanding Women's Fiction

***Relationship Resuscitation* - Jennifer Theriot**

Finalists

Two Hearts Find Christmas - Tamara Ferguson

My Life as a Rock Album - Lj Evans

Always With You: A heart-warming story of love, loss & friendship - Hannah Ellis

The Kidnapping - Ruby Mohan

Brought To Our Senses: A Family Saga Novel - Kathleen Wheeler

Sweet Tea Tuesdays - Ashley Farley

Fiction – Young Adult

The Outstanding Young Adult Fiction

***Playing by Heart* - Carmela Martino**

Finalists

The Lay of LaLa Land - A.Y. Miles

Struck - Rachel Langley

The Belief in Angels: Jules - J. Dylan Yates

Talon: Encounter - Gigi Sedlmayer

Catalyst: The Deception Game Book 1 - Kristin Smith

The Unusual Suspects - Dominic Carrillo

Non-Fiction - Business / Sales / Economics

The Outstanding Business / Sales / Economics

***Market Mojo: A Beginner's Guide to the Stock Market* - Kathy G. Mills**

Finalists

The Impact of Excellent Customer Service on Business Growth - Uche Akeeb

A Deeper Truth: The New Science of Innovation, Human Choice and Societal Scale Behavior –

Tim Stroh

Need Money? Buy Some! - Dr. Drasko Veselinovic

Private Money Lending: Learn How to Consistently Generate a Passive Income Stream –

Gustavo Gomez

Digitize or Die: Transform your organization. Embrace the digital evolution. Rise above the competition - Nicolas Windpassinger

Non-Fiction - Children's Book

The Outstanding Children's Non-Fiction

Groundhog Secrets: Everything You Always wanted to Know about Woodchucks –

Lieve Snellings

Finalists

Tricky Times - Laura Irelan

Sunshine's Excellent Adventures - Reggie Hill

Stella's Story: Dealing with Sibling Loss - Amanda Seefeld Markle

Non-Fiction – First

The Outstanding First Non-Fiction

***The Crate: A Story Of War, A Murder, and Justice* - Debbie Levison**

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Lessons from a CF Cornerman: 38 Lessons I Learned During my Wife's Illness and Lung Transplant
- Raymond L. Poole

Remembering Shanghai: A Memoir of Socialites, Scholars and Scoundrels - Claire Chao

Bold, Brave and Courageous: A No Fear Success Guide for Teen Girls - Wyjuana Montgomery

Blanket of Stars: Thru-Hiking the Camino de Santiago - C.W. Lockhart

Evie's Unfairytale - Evie Berg

The Year I Turned 25: A Memoir About Sex, Anxiety and a Dog Named She-Devil - Raquel Fletcher

Non-Fiction- General

The Outstanding General Non-Fiction

***You Can't Buy Love Like That: Growing Up Gay in the Sixties* - Carol Anderson**

Finalists

Kleptomaniac: Who's Really Robbing God Anyway? - Dr Frank Chase Jr, Th.D

Safari Jema: A Journey of Love and Adventure from Casablanca to Cape Town - Teresa O'Kane

Private Money Lending: Learn How to Consistently Generate a Passive Income Stream –

Gustavo Gomez

Ape Mind, Old Mind, New Mind: Emotional Fossils and the Evolution of the Human Spirit –

John Wyllie

Hair Loss - Gustavo Gomez

A Deeper Truth: The New Science of Innovation, Human Choice and Societal Scale Behavior –

Tim Stroh

Non-Fiction-History

The Outstanding Non-Fiction-History

Turbulent Times: The Remarkable Life of William H. Seward - Stephen Yanoff

Finalists

Rear Admiral Larry Chambers, USN: First African American to Command an Aircraft Carrier –

Ric Murphy

The Bone War of McCurtain County: A True Tale of Two Men's Quest for Treasure, Truth and Justice - Russell Ferrell

Saps, Blackjacks and Slungshots: A History of Forgotten Weapons - Robert Escobar

Non-Fiction - Memoir / Biography / Autobiography

The Outstanding Memoir

Remembering Shanghai: A Memoir of Socialites, Scholars and Scoundrels –

Claire Chao

Finalists

Lessons from a CF Cornerman: 38 Lessons I Learned During my Wife's Illness and Lung Transplant - Raymond L. Poole

The Pink Door: Mom's Journey to the Other Side - Suzie Daggett

Lunch With Charlotte - Leon Berger

Shackled: A Journey From Political Imprisonment To Freedom - Adam Siddiq

Hardbarned! One Man's Quest for Meaningful Work in the American South - Christopher Driver

The Glass Mask: Monsters Lurk Beneath - E.L. DuBois

Non-Fiction - Parenting / Family / Relationships

The Outstanding Parenting / Family / Relationships

Just Tell Me I'm Pretty: Musings on a Messy Life - Heather LeRoss

Finalists

Black Fatherhood: Trials & Tribulations, Testimony & Triumphs - Khalid White

Unchain Me Mama: Lessons Learned On My Journey to Healing & Restoration - Audra Upchurch

Lost in the Reflecting Pool - Diane Pomerantz

The Tell Me More Gesture: How & Why to Welcome Conflict - Janet Rowles

Unchain My Legacy: How Owning Our Choices Frees Us And Those We Love - Audra Upchurch

Emotional Recovery from Your Troubled Child: For Parents of Children, Teens and Young Adults -
Richard Schwindt

Non-Fiction – Reference

The Outstanding Reference

***Overwhelmed Writer Rescue: Boost Productivity, Improve Time Management, and Replenish the Creator Within* - Colleen Story**

Finalists

Theatrical Journey Playbook: Introducing Science to Early Learners through Guided Pretend Play -
Elizabeth Bruce

Book Marketing: The Funnel Factor: Including 100 Media Pitches - Gisela Hausmann

How to Self-Publish a Book: For the Technology Challenged Author - Barb Drozdowich

Non-Fiction – Religion/Christian

The Outstanding Religion/Christian

***Kleptomaniac: Who's Really Robbing God Anyway?* - Dr Frank Chase Jr, Th.D**

Finalists

The Joy in My Journey with Cancer - Sandra Jolla

Jesus & Co.: Connecting the Lessons of The Gospel with Today's Business World - Bruce Hartman

The Power Of The Seed - Dr Eric Holmes

God and Man: Love on the Rocks - Steven Rosner

Finding the Narrow Path: Patterns, Faith and Searching - Lin Wilder

Light from a Dark Night - Anne Grove

Non-Fiction – Self-Help

The Outstanding Self-Help

***The Thinking Woman's Guide to Breast Cancer: Take Charge of Your Recovery and Remission* - Janet Maker, Ph.D.**

Finalists

The M in Man Is For Money: How to get it, use it, and make it work for you! - Passport Cutty

A Journey from Sadness to Hope - Robert Smith

Write For Recovery: Exercises for Heart, Mind, and Spirit - Diane Sherry Case

Iphelia: Awakening the Gift of Feeling - Erick French

The Way of The Fairy Godmother - Jennifer Morse MS PhD

Eat Your Feelings: The Food Mood Girl's Guide to Transforming Your Emotional Eating –
Lindsey Smith

Non-Fiction - Spiritual / Inspirational

The Outstanding Spiritual / Inspirational

Lessons from a CF Cornerman: 38 Lessons I Learned During my Wife's Illness and Lung Transplant - Raymond L. Poole

Finalists

Wise-Love: Bhakti and the Search for the Soul of Consciousness - Pranada Comtois

Winds of Spirit: Ancient Wisdom Tools for Navigating Relationships, Health, and the Divine –
Renee Baribeau

Breathing Love: Meditation in Action - Jennie Lee

Flames of Love: Truth of the Holy Grail - Lady Blackwood

The Joy in My Journey with Cancer - Sandra Jolla

Spirituality 103: The Forgiveness Code - Ivan Figueroa-Otero

Non-Fiction – Travel

The Outstanding Travel

Safari Jema: A Journey of Love and Adventure from Casablanca to Cape Town - Teresa O’Kane

Finalists

Blanket of Stars: Thru-Hiking the Camino de Santiago - C.W. Lockhart

Buen Camino! Tips from an American Pilgrim - Anne Born

War / Military (Fiction and Non-Fiction)

The Outstanding War/Military

No Tougher Duty, No Greater Honor: A memoir of a Mortuary Affairs Marine – L Christian Bussler

Finalists

Rear Admiral Larry Chambers, USN: First African American to Command an Aircraft Carrier –

Ric Murphy

We Were Soldiers Too: The Second Korean War: The DMZ Conflict - Bob Kern

The Lost Celt - A. E. Conran

Non-Fiction – Young Adult

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Wyjuana Montgomery

Finalists

Iphelia: Awakening the Gift of Feeling - Erick French

Hockey Confidence: Train Your Brain to Win in Hockey and in Life - Isabelle Hamptonstone MSc.

Stuff: The Fortunes, Foibles, and Fiascos of Those Who Sought to Understand Matter –

George Graybill