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

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**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

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**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
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

Finalists
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

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

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

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


*Hair Loss* - Gustavo Gomez

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


*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**

**The Outstanding Young Adult Non-Fiction**

Bold, Brave and Courageous: A No Fear Success Guide for Teen Girls – 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