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

**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

Non-Fiction – First

The Outstanding First Non-Fiction

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

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*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  
*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

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


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