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## The 20th Annual "Best Book" Awards Sponsored by American Book Fest™

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### Full Results Listing by Category

**Congratulations to all of the Winners & Finalists  
of the 2023 Best Book Awards!**

**All Finalists are of equal merit, listed alphabetically.**

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#### **Animals/Pets: General**

**Winner**

**The Blue Leash: A Year of Mourning by Scott D. DoVale  
Kuma Bear Publishing**

Finalist

Follow His Lead by Richard LaMotte  
Koehler Books

Finalist

LUIGI: Mischief and Love with an Italian Cat by D. M. Jennings  
Independently Published

Finalist

Sleeping between Giants Book 2, Ask a Terrier: Professional Advice from a Licensed Dog by  
Dave Jaffe

Save Some  
Cray-Cray Publishing

Finalist  
Squirrelland: Imagination and the Alaska Red Squirrel by Eric Wade, photography by  
Doylanne Wade  
Shanti Arts Publishing

Finalist  
Tail of Humanity: A novel by Elizabeth Oldham  
Doppia Press

## **Animals/Pets: Narrative Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Mississippi Barking: Hurricane Katrina and a Life That Went to the Dogs by Chris  
McLaughlin**  
**University Press of Mississippi**

Finalist  
Brooklyn Goes Home: The Rise and Fall of American Greyhound Racing and the Dog that  
Inspired a Movement by Christine A. Dorchak and Carey M. Theil  
Lantern Publishing & Media

Finalist  
Buzz the Not-So-Brave by Dani Nichols, illustrated by Kristin McNess Moran  
Punchline Publishers

Finalist  
Hark! Follow My Hoofbeats by Mary Chris Foxworthy  
Equifit

Finalist  
LUIGI: Mischief and Love with an Italian Cat by D. M. Jennings  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Squirrelland: Imagination and the Alaska Red Squirrel by Eric Wade, photography by  
Doylanne Wade  
Shanti Arts Publishing

Finalist  
Wild Thing and The Bagel by Erin L. Neal  
Fulton Books

## **Anthologies: Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Room at the Table: Encouraging Stories from Special Needs Families by Stephanie  
Pavlantos and Starr Ayers**  
**Mt. Zion Ridge Press**

## **Art**

**Winner**  
**America's Collection: The Art and Architecture of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at  
the U.S. Department of State by Virginia B. Hart**  
**Rizzoli Electa**

Finalist  
Furnishing the White House: The Decorative Arts Collection by Betty C. Monkman, William G.  
Allman, Lydia S. Tederick, and Melissa C. Naulin  
The White House Historical Association

Finalist  
Heidi Kumao: Real and Imagined by Heidi Kumao  
Michigan Publishing

Finalist  
The Brush Dances and the Light Sings by John Palka & Yvonne Palka, in memoriam  
Kirk House Publishers

## **Autobiography/Memoir**

**Winner**  
**Sacrifice: The Green Berets, A Fateful Ambush, and a Gold Star Widow's Fight for the Truth by Michelle Black**  
Putnam

Finalist  
About Natalie: A Daughter's Addiction. A Mother's Love. Finding Their Way Back To Each Other by Christine Pisera Naman  
Health Communications, Inc.

Finalist  
Broken Little Believer: Finding Purpose in All the Pretty Painful Pieces by Shane Svorec  
AAE

Finalist  
Ninety-Nine Fire Hoops by Allison Hong Merrill  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Bleeding Edge: My Six Decades at the Forefront of the Tech Revolution (From Scott McNealy to Steve Jobs to Steve Case to Steve Ballmer to Steve Ballmer and More Titans of Technology) by Bill Raduchel  
Amplify Publishing

Finalist  
The Fruit You'll Never See: A memoir about overcoming shame by Gail Brenner Nastasia  
Brenner Books

Finalist  
Where Yellow Flowers Bloom: A Journey of Hope Through Unimaginable Loss by Kim Cantin  
Precocity Press

## **Best Cover Design: Fiction**

**Winner**  
**With One Stone by Mark Jenkins**  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Burning Distance by Joanne Leedom-Ackerman  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

Finalist  
Dead Hand by James Stejskal  
Double Dagger Books

Finalist  
Pearl of Arabia by Connor Black  
Chris Peterson Design, LLC

Finalist  
The Location Shoot: A Novel by Patricia Leavy  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Rocking Chair Prophet by Matthew Kelly  
Blue Sparrow

## **Best Cover Design: Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**My Grief Is Not Like Yours by Theo Boyd**  
**Forefront Books**

Finalist  
Bumpy Rides and Soft Landings: Stories of Coming Out, Flying High, and Not Learning to Play the Piano by James Pauley, Jr.  
Take Flight Publishing, LLC

Finalist  
God Is Red: A Native View of Religion, 50th Anniversary Edition by Vine Deloria, Jr.  
Fulcrum Publishing

Finalist  
In Search of Monsters to Destroy: The Folly of American Empire and the Paths to Peace by Christopher J. Coyne  
Independent Institute

Finalist  
Taijiquan Theory of Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming, 2nd Edition: The Root of Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan) by Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming  
YMAA Publication Center

Finalist  
The New Deal's War on the Bill of Rights: The Untold Story of FDR's Concentration Camps, Censorship, and Mass Surveillance by David T. Beito  
Independent Institute

Finalist  
The Science of Getting Rich for Women by Sara Connell  
Muse Literary

## **Best Interior Design**

**Winner**  
**The White House: An Historic Guide, deluxe edition by The White House Historical Association**  
**The White House Historical Association**

Finalist  
Ichiro and the Great Mountain by W. Nikola-Lisa  
Gyroscope Books

Finalist  
Legendary Leadership: How Ordinary People Become Uncommon Leaders by Dr. Bruce B. Baird  
Muse Literary

## **Best New Fiction**

**Winner**  
**Second Term, a thriller by J. M. Adams**  
**Oceanview Publishing, Inc.**

Finalist  
Extreme Vetting: A Thriller by Roxana Arama  
Ooligan Press (Portland State University)

Finalist  
The Girl from Wudang by PJ Caldas  
Tuttle Publishing

Finalist  
The Palace at Dusk: A Novel by Angela Terry  
Girl Friday Books

Finalist  
The Rocking Chair Prophet by Matthew Kelly  
Blue Sparrow

Finalist  
Where the Grass Grows Blue by Hope Gibbs  
Red Adept Publishing

Finalist  
With One Stone by Mark Jenkins  
Independently Published

## **Best New Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Sacrifice: The Green Berets, A Fateful Ambush, and a Gold Star Widow's Fight for the Truth by Michelle Black**  
**Putnam**

Finalist  
Hiring Veterans: How to Leverage Military Talent for Organizational Growth by Matthew J. Louis with Dr. Anthony R. Garcia, Sr.  
Career Press

Finalist  
How Healers Heal by Shilpi Pradhan  
Pradhan Publications LLC

Finalist  
Still the World's Worst Diabetes Mom: More Real-Life Stories of Raising a Child with Type 1 Diabetes by Stacey Simms  
Spark Publications

Finalist  
The Golden Ticket: A Life in College Admissions Essays by Irena Smith  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Performance Paradox: Turning the Power of Mindset into Action by Eduardo Briceño  
Ballantine Books

## **Biography: General**

**Winner**  
**MAC: The Wind Beneath My Wings by Sherry Hobbs**  
**Black Rose Writing**

Finalist  
Chasing the Queen's Gambit: A Literary Biography of Walter Tevis by Kacey Kowars  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Firstborn: The Life of Luis Fred Kennedy 1908-1982 by Fred W. Kennedy  
FriesenPress

Finalist

Lost Roots: Family, Identity, and Abandoned Ancestry by Karl von Loewe  
Atmosphere Press

Finalist

Queen of the Clouds: Joan Merriam Smith and Jerrie Mock's Epic Quest to Become the First Woman to Fly Solo Around the World by Taylor C. Phillios  
Turtle Cove Press

## **Business: Careers**

**Winner**

**You Do You(ish): Unleash Your Authentic Superpowers to Get the Career You Deserve by Erin Hatzikostas  
b Authentic Inc. Publishing**

Finalist

Climbing the Corporate Ladder with Speed by Dr. Fene Osakwe  
Book Spider

Finalist

Grow: The Essential Guide to Getting Promoted by Randy Ornstein and Hayley Ornstein  
River Grove Books

Finalist

Stop, Ask, Explore: Learn to Navigate Change in Times of Uncertainty by Joan P. Ball  
Kogan Page

Finalist

The 5-Day Job Search: Proven Strategies To Answering Tough Interview Questions & Getting Multiple Job Offers by Annie Margarita Yang  
Annie Yang Financial

Finalist

The Leadership Accelerator: The Playbook for Transitioning to Your New Executive Role by Ajit Kambil  
McGraw Hill

Finalist

Winning in Your Own Court by Dena Lefkowitz  
American Bar Association

## **Business: Communications/Public Relations**

**Winner**

**Communicate with Courage: Taking Risks to Overcome the Four Hidden Challenges by Michelle D. Gladioux  
Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.**

Finalist

Discovering Truth: How to Navigate Between Fact & Fiction in an Overwhelming Social Media World by Tim Love  
Internationalist Press

Finalist

Effective Emails: The Secret to Straightforward Communications at Work by Chris Fenning  
Alignment Group Ltd

Finalist

The Non-Obvious Guide to Better Presentations: How to Present Like a Pro (Virtually or in Person) (Non-Obvious Guides) by Jacqueline Farrington  
Ideapress Publishing

## **Business: Entrepreneurship & Small Business**

## **Business, Entrepreneurship & Small Business**

### **Winner**

**From Start-Up to Grown-Up: Grow Your Leadership to Grow Your Business by Alisa Cohn Kogan Page**

### Finalist

A Bridge Not Too Far: Where Creativity Meets Innovation by Deepak Ohri  
Waterside Productions

### Finalist

Boss Brain: Unlock Your Entrepreneurial Instincts by Tra Williams  
Sunbury Press

### Finalist

First Generation Wealth: Three Guiding Principles for Long-Lasting Wealth and an Enduring Family Legacy by Robert Balentine and Adrian Cronje, Ph.D.  
Linx

### Finalist

Next Level Nonprofit: Build a Dream Team + Increase Lasting Impact by Chris Lambert  
SelfPublishing.com

### Finalist

The Least Likely Millionaire: How to Success When Everyone Expects You to Fail by Jonathan Beskin  
Meridian Publishing

### Finalist

The Successful Business Startup Action Guide: Lessons and Mistakes from an Entrepreneur on Building the Future, Starting Businesses, and Leading for Change by Husam S. AlSaleh  
Employee Millionaire LLC

## **Business: General**

### **Winner**

**Experiential Intelligence: Harness the Power of Experience for Personal and Business Breakthroughs by Soren Kaplan  
Matt Holt Books**

### Finalist

Be Human, Lead Human: How to Connect People and Performance by Jennifer Nash, PhD  
Lioncrest

### Finalist

Cybersecurity for Business: Organization-Wide Strategies to Ensure Cyber Risk Is Not Just an IT Issue by Larry Clinton  
Kogan Page

### Finalist

Hiring Veterans: How to Leverage Military Talent for Organizational Growth by Matthew J. Louis with Dr. Anthony R. Garcia, Sr.  
Career Press

### Finalist

Leading Through Disruption: A Changemaker's Guide to Twenty-First Century Leadership by Andrew Liveris  
HarperCollins Leadership

### Finalist

The Future Normal: How We Will Live, Work and Thrive in the Next Decade by Rohit Bhargava and Henry Coutinho-Mason  
Ideapress Publishing

Finalist  
The Performance Paradox: Turning the Power of Mindset into Action by Eduardo Briceño  
Ballantine Books

## **Business: Management & Leadership**

### **Winner**

**Reinvent: Navigating Business Transformation in a Hyperdigital Era by Faisal Hoque**  
Fast Company Press

Finalist  
A Bridge Not Too Far: Where Creativity Meets Innovation by Deepak Ohri  
Waterside Productions

Finalist  
Compassionate Accountability: How Leaders Build Connection and Get Results by Nate  
Regier, PhD  
Berrett Koehler Publishers, Inc.

Finalist  
Everything Connects: Cultivating Mindfulness, Creativity, and Innovation for Long-Term Value,  
Second Edition by Faisal Hoque  
Fast Company Press

Finalist  
Leading Through Disruption: A Changemaker's Guide to Twenty-First Century Leadership by  
Andrew Liveris  
HarperCollins Leadership

Finalist  
The Psychological Safety Playbook: Lead More Powerfully by Being More Human by Karolin  
Helbig & Minette Norman  
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Finalist  
When Everyone Leads: How the Toughest Challenges Get Seen and Solved by Ed O'Malley  
and Julia Fabris-McBride  
Bard Press

## **Business: Marketing & Advertising**

### **Winner**

**On Brand: Shape Your Narrative. Share Your Vision. Shift Their Perception by Aliza**

**Licht**  
**Union Square & Co.**

Finalist  
A Bridge Not Too Far: Where Creativity Meets Innovation by Deepak Ohri  
Waterside Productions

Finalist  
Assemblage: The Art and Science of Brand Transformation by Emmanuel Probst  
Ideapress Publishing

Finalist  
Brand Fusion: Purpose-driven brand strategy by Terry Smith and Tom Williams  
De Gruyter

Finalist  
Discovering Truth: How to Navigate Between Fact & Fiction in an Overwhelming Social Media  
World by Tim Love  
Internationalist Press

Finalist



Make Your Brand Legendary – Create Raving Fans with the Customer Experience Engine by  
Scott Wozniak  
Maxwell Leadership

Finalist  
Using Behavioral Science in Marketing: Drive Customer Action and Loyalty by Prompting  
Instinctive Responses by Nancy Harhut  
Kogan Page

## **Business: Motivational**

### **Winner**

**Wonderhell: Why Success Doesn't Feel Like It Should...and What to Do About It by  
Laura Gassner Otting  
Ideapress Publishing**

Finalist  
Be Human, Lead Human: How to Connect People and Performance by Jennifer Nash, PhD  
Lioncrest

Finalist  
Everything Connects: Cultivating Mindfulness, Creativity, and Innovation for Long-Term Value,  
Second Edition by Faisal Hoque  
Fast Company Press

Finalist  
More Than Your Mindset: How to live a more positive and energized life by Karen  
Schumacher  
Jones Media Publishing

Finalist  
The Performance Paradox: Turning the Power of Mindset into Action by Eduardo Briceño  
Ballantine Books

Finalist  
Tom Peter's Compact Guide to Excellence by Tom Peters and Nancye Green  
Ideapress Publishing

Finalist  
We've Got This: Unlocking the Beauty of Belonging by Ritu Bhasin  
Amplify Publishing

## **Business: Personal Finance/Investing**

### **Winner**

**Crypto Decrypted: Debunking Myths, Understanding Breakthroughs, and Building  
Foundations for Digital Asset Investing by Jake Ryan and James Diorio  
Wiley**

Finalist  
Level Up! Your Strategy Guide to the Game of Investing by Keenan Morris  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Make Money Your Thing: Ditch the Shame and Design your Dream Life by Kalee Boisvert  
RE:BOOKS Publishing

Finalist  
Wall Street Lessons: Overcoming Fear, Greed, and Being Your Own Worst Enemy by James  
E. Demmert  
New Insights Press

## **Business: Real Estate**

**Winner**

**The Short-Term Rental Playbook: A Guide to Finding, Analyzing, Buying, and Managing Rental Properties with Risk and Diversification in Mind by Andy Wen**  
Independently Published

**Business: Reference**

**Winner**

**Hiring Veterans: How to Leverage Military Talent for Organizational Growth by Matthew J. Louis with Dr. Anthony R. Garcia, Sr.**  
Career Press

Finalist

Effective Emails: The Secret to Straightforward Communications at Work by Chris Fenning  
Alignment Group Ltd

**Business: Sales**

**Winner**

**Sales Essentials: The Tools You Need at Every Stage to Close More Deals and Crush Your Quota, 1st Edition by Rana Salman, MBA, PhD**  
McGraw Hill

Finalist

Said the Lady With the Blue Hair: 7 Rules for Success in Direct Sales Wrapped in a Wonderful Lesson for Life by Lisa M. Wilber and Jeff C. West  
West Marketing Group, INC

Finalist

Sell Yourself: How to Create, Live, and Sell a Powerful Personal Brand by Cindy McGovern  
McGraw Hill

**Business: Technology**

**Winner**

**The Business Case for AI: A Leader's Guide to AI Strategies, Best Practices & Real-World Applications by Kavita Ganesan**  
Opinosis Analytics Publishing

Finalist

Digital Transformation Payday: Navigate the Hype, Lower the Risks, Increase Return on Investments by Tim Bottke  
Wiley

Finalist

ELEARNING GOLD - THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR LEADERS: How to Achieve Excellence in Your Virtual Education & Training Program by Annette Levesque  
The Canadian Education Station

Finalist

Humanity Reimagined: Where we go from here by Martin Fiore  
Rivertowns Books

Finalist

Innovative Leadership & Followership in the Age of AI: A Guide for Creating Your Future as Leader, Follower, and AI Ally by Maureen Metcalf, M.B.A., Erin S. Barry, M.S., Dan Mushalko, Devon Mushalko & Neil E. Grunberg, Ph.D., Contributing Authors Neil Sahota and Michael Morrow-Fox, M.B.A., ED.S. Forward by Neil Sahota  
Phronesis Publishing

Finalist

The New Technology State: How Our Digital Dreams Became Societal Nightmares—and

What We Can Do about It by Bill Raduchel  
Amplify Publishing

Finalist  
Unwired: Gaining Control over Addictive Technologies by Gaia Bernstein  
Cambridge University Press

## **Business: Writing/Publishing**

**Winner**  
**The Author's Walk: Finding and Using Your Voice to Create Publishing Success by Judith Briles**  
**Mile High Press**

Finalist  
The Home Boss Toolkit: Branding Success for Self-Publishers by Nuria Corbi  
Homeboss Media

## **Children's Educational**

**Winner**  
**Mommy is the Mayor by Letitia Clark**  
**Halo Publishing International**

Finalist  
I'll Hold You In My Heart by Brenda Y. Cole-Averett  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Kodi's Adventures: How I Learned to Defeat the Time Snatcher by Mindy Hudon  
ASHA Press

Finalist  
Siege of Herons: Collective Nouns Alphabetically by Ramona Wildeman  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Too Many Pigs in the Pool by Wendy Hinote Lanier  
Sleeping Bear Press

Finalist  
Welcome to the Opera: Discover the Enchanting World of Opera with Mozart's Magic Flute by Carolyn Sloan  
Workman Publishing

Finalist  
What to Know Before You Get Your Cat by Margrit Strohmaier  
Lion Face Press

## **Children's Fiction**

**Winner**  
**Fetching Dreams by Mary Bleckwehl**  
**Immortal Works Press**

Finalist  
Christopher Hawkins and His Daring Escapes by Jeanne Brownlee Becijos  
Torch Publications

Finalist  
Jett Jamison and the Secret Storm by Kimberly Behre Kenna  
Black Rose Writing

Finalist  
Molly Shipton, Secret Actress by Sheri Graubert  
Clear Fork Publishing

Finalist  
The Great Cold Queen: A Poppenohna Land Adventure (Book 1 in series) by Carrie Turley  
Lawley Publishing

Finalist  
The Painter's Butterfly by Rebecca Weber  
Artemesia Publishing

Finalist  
Uncle Buck's Treasure by Andy Coats  
Ridgeline Publishing

## **Children's Mind/Body/Spirit**

**Winner**  
**The Love Tank by Andrea Mendoza-Vasquez**  
**Wholesome Children Books**

Finalist  
Edgar Allan Know and His Big Busy Brain by Rahni varieur-Davies  
Willowwood Publishing

Finalist  
Henri and the Magnificent Snort: A Children's Book about Bullying, Belonging, and Love by  
Samantha Childs  
Sea Lavender Publishing

Finalist  
Kindness Wins: Stories of Love Elementary by Marguerite Locke  
Steady Pace Press

Finalist  
Marky the Magnificent Fairy by Cynthia Kern OBrien  
Story Monsters Press, an imprint of Story Monsters LLC

Finalist  
Proud to Be Me by Kim Farrell  
The Confidence Loop

Finalist  
The Busy Bridge That Got Its Break by Shane Svorec  
AAE

## **Children's Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**The Busy Bridge That Got Its Break by Shane Svorec**  
**AAE**

Finalist  
ABCs of the World's Religions by Rev. Vicki Michela Garlock, Ph.D.  
Eaton Press

Finalist  
Cruel to Kind by Shermaine Perry-Knights  
Innovation Consultants of DeKalb

Finalist  
Rocco at the White House Easter Egg Roll! by Rocco Smirne  
The White House Historical Association

Finalist  
Teddy: A Boy Who Swam with Angels by Sandra Sorenson-Kindt  
LeanInBooks.com

Finalist  
Wild Thing and The Bagel by Erin L. Neal  
Fulton Books

## **Children's Novelty & Gift Book**

### **Winner**

**Welcome to the Opera: Discover the Enchanting World of Opera with Mozart's Magic Flute by Carolyn Sloan**  
**Workman Publishing**

Finalist  
Dino Doo Dah by Rod Chay  
Doo Dah Publishing

Finalist  
Kind Rocks Island and Kind Rocks Island Adventure by Debbie Lemke  
U Rock Press

Finalist  
Sasha Smart: 7 Short Stories for Girls by Shermaine Perry-Knights  
Innovation Consultants of DeKalb

Finalist  
Siege of Herons: Collective Nouns Alphabetically by Ramona Wildeman  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The Angel Kitten Who Saved Christmas: Book 2, The Cat with the White Mustache Series by John Cappello  
Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing

Finalist  
The Cat with the White Mustache Book 1: The Case of the Disappearing Cat by John Cappello  
Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing

## **Children's Picture Book: Hardcover Fiction**

### **Winner**

**Henri and the Magnificent Snort: A Children's Book about Bullying, Belonging, and Love by Samantha Childs**  
**Sea Lavender Publishing**

Finalist  
Mimi and the Gold Baton by Cheryl Olsten  
Greenleaf Book Group

Finalist  
My Aunt Flor by Violeta Cornett  
Independently Published

Finalist  
One Flip, Two Flip, Three Flip, Four by Crystel Patterson  
Independently Published

Finalist  
School Rules: Stories of Love Elementary by Marguerite Locke  
Steady Pace Press

Finalist  
The Lion's Promise by Ada Ari  
KOLI&OLUM

Finalist  
The Peppered Sky by Sarah Doran  
Independently Published

## **Children's Picture Book: Hardcover Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Siege of Herons: Collective Nouns Alphabetically by Ramona Wildeman**  
**Independently Published**

Finalist  
Buzz the Not-So-Brave by Dani Nichols, illustrated by Kristin McNess Moran  
Punchline Publishers

Finalist  
Her Eyes Were on the Stars: Nancy Grace Roman, "Mother of Hubble" Space Telescope by  
Jennifer Sommer  
Braugher Books

Finalist  
Rocco at the White House Easter Egg Roll! by Rocco Smirne  
The White House Historical Association

Finalist  
Rudy the Smart Kid: The Gifted Who Believes He Can Do Anything by Rudolph Valentine III &  
Dawn Charleston-Green  
Dawn of a New Day 365, LLC

Finalist  
Welcome to the Opera: Discover the Enchanting World of Opera with Mozart's Magic Flute by  
Carolyn Sloan  
Workman Publishing

Finalist  
What to Know Before You Get Your Cat by Margrit Strohmaier  
Lion Face Press

## **Children's Picture Book: Softcover Fiction**

**Winner**  
**Mama Drama by Amal Nasser, illustrations by Nikos Yanopoulos**  
**Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press**

Finalist  
Anger by Rima Ismail, illustrations by Inna Ogando  
Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press

Finalist  
I Am Different by Crystel Patterson  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Life Lessons of Lucy Lu by Gwen Kelly  
Every Animal Counts Publishing

Finalist  
Little Lovedog's Long Walk Home by Barbara Valenza  
Potato Publishing Kids Books

Finalist  
Marky the Magnificent Fairy by Cynthia Kern OBrien  
Story Monsters Press, an imprint of Story Monsters LLC

Finalist  
The Worry Balloon by Balsem Amura, illustrations by Nikos Yanopoulos  
Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press

## **Children's Picture Book: Softcover Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Too Young to What? by Crystal Patterson**  
**Independently Published**

Finalist  
A Journey Down Under: Some of Australia's Amazing Creatures by R.W. Starr  
Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing

Finalist  
André Learning Hair Styling by Philip Buttafuoco  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Dancing With The Spirit of The Golden Tiger by Donna Zhang  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Secretariat: A 1970s Superstar by A.J. Chilson  
Independently Published

## **Children's Religious**

**Winner**  
**The King of Easter: Jesus Searches for All God's Children by Todd R. Hains, illustrated by Natasha Kennedy**  
**Lexham Press**

Finalist  
A Song in Her Heart by Kathy Dye  
KitKat Press

Finalist  
ABCs of the World's Religions by Rev. Vicki Michela Garlock, Ph.D.  
Eaton Press

Finalist  
Lillian's Christmas Dream by Vera Richard Harris  
Kindle Direct Publishing

Finalist  
My Holi: Colors of Cheer by Priya Kumari and Komal Garg  
Eternal Tree Books LLC

Finalist  
Shine Your Light by Courtney Lee Simpson  
Kharis Publishing

Finalist  
The Underground Book Readers: The Secret Society, Book 1 by Terry Overton  
Independently Published

## **College Guides**

**Winner**

**The C.A.P.E. Crusade: Your Guide to a Great College Application Personal Essay by Billy Lombardo**  
**Muse Literary**

Finalist

College Admissions: The Essential Guide for Busy Parents by Beth Pickett  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Mission Possible: How to Graduate From College Debt-Free by Dr. Juan Phillip Chisholm  
Greenlight Books & Publishing, LLC

## **Cookbooks: General**

**Winner**

**Dinner is Done: Simple Weeknight Meals from Smart in the Kitchen by Marcia Smart**  
**Smart in the Kitchen**

## **Cookbooks: International**

**Winner**

**Irresistibly Vegan by Elvira Rodriguez Alonso**  
**Independently Published**

## **Current Events**

**Winner**

**Stifled Laughter: One Woman's Story About Fighting Censorship by Claudia Johnson**  
**Fulcrum Publishing**

Finalist

COVID: 19 Stories of Hope, edited by Warren L. Maye  
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory

Finalist

How To Talk About Guns with Anyone by Katherine Schweit  
82 Stories

Finalist

In Search of Monsters to Destroy: The Folly of American Empire and the Paths to Peace by  
Christopher J. Coyne  
Independent Institute

Finalist

Is Social Justice Just? edited by Robert M. Whaples, Michael C. Munger, and Christopher J.  
Coyne  
Independent Institute

Finalist

Stop the Killing: How to End the Mass Shooting Crisis by Katherine Schweit  
82 Stories

## **Education/Academic**

**Winner**

**Making the Grade: Reimagining the Graduate Seminar Essay in Literary Studies, edited  
by Kevin A. Morrison**  
**Rowman and Littlefield**

Finalist



Day of the Dead in the USA: The Migration and Transformation of a Cultural Phenomenon,  
2nd Edition by Regina Marchi  
Rutgers University Press

Finalist  
Emotional Intelligence 3.0: How to Stop Playing Small in a Really Big Universe by Tomi White  
Bryan  
Houndstooth Press

Finalist  
Musical Nationalism in Indonesia: The Rise and Fall of Lagu Seriosa by Sharifah Faizah Syed  
Mohammed  
Springer Singapore Pte. Limited

Finalist  
Stop the Killing: How to End the Mass Shooting Crisis by Katherine Schweit  
82 Stories

Finalist  
The AI Expedition by Manas Joshi  
Independently Published

## **Fiction: African American**

**Winner**  
**Blind Spot by Olivia Gaines**  
**Davonshire House Publishing**

Finalist  
Forbidden: It is Forbidden to Bring in an Outsider by April Thomas  
Jiali Media Inc.

Finalist  
Pieces by Sondra J. Hardy  
Book Marketeers

Finalist  
Surviving Mercy Valley: Moving From Trauma to Triumph by Sylvia L. Colding  
Enhanced DNA Publishing

Finalist  
The Indigent: Book of Aniyas by Anece Rochell  
Beautiful Minds Publishing

## **Fiction: Anthologies**

**Winner**  
**Twisted Crows: Spanish-infused short stories by Will Canduri**  
**BPRO Editorial**

Finalist  
13 Poets from Long Island edited by John A. Valenti 3rd and Evelyn Kandel  
Bushwickborn Productions, Inc.

Finalist  
A Darker Demise by M. C. Ryder  
M.E.C. Publishing

Finalist  
Hello, I Love You: Stories of Romance edited by Kristine Somerville and Speer Morgan  
The Missouri Review Books

Finalist  
Queer for the New Year: Nine Stories of New Beginnings by Alex Bauer, Theodore Niretan

Quest for the New Year: Nine Stories of New Beginnings by Alex Bauer, Theodore Niretao Tinker, F. Zoe Blackheart, Nyri A. Bakkalian, K. B. Creech, Emerson Seipel, Val Sierakowski, Leo Otherland, Lex Night  
Balance of Seven

Finalist

The Institute: Stolen Case Files by T S Galindo  
Independently Published

Finalist

Vengefully Yours by J Rose Black  
Black Label Press

## **Fiction: Cross-Genre**

**Winner**

**Orchid Child by Victoria Costello**  
**Liminal Books**

Finalist

Call Her Janie by S.R. Fabrico  
SRF Creations

Finalist

Fetching Dreams by Mary Bleckwehl  
Immortal Works Press

Finalist

Intended Consequences by John Morelli  
Wrongway Publishing

Finalist

Secrets In The Mirror by Leslie Kain  
Atmosphere Press

Finalist

The Unbroken Horizon by Jenny Brav  
Atmosphere Press

Finalist

Third Wheel by Richard R. Becker  
Copywrite, Ink.

## **Fiction: Fantasy**

**Winner**

**A Dream of Shadows by Peter Elliott**  
**Further Press, LLC**

Finalist

FitzDuncan by John J. Spearman  
Independently Published

Finalist

Malfus: Necromancer Unchained by Casey Sutton  
Casey Sutton Writes

Finalist

Seeds of Light by Kevin Nichols  
Independently Published

Finalist

Shadow Runner by KJ Fieler  
Black Rose Writing

Finalist  
The Tale of the Young Witch by Joseph Minart  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The World Beyond the Redbud Tree by Madison C. Brightwell  
Koehler Books

## **Fiction: General**

**Winner**  
**Orchid Child by Victoria Costello**  
**Liminal Books**

Finalist

Afterword by Nina Schuyler  
Clash Books

Finalist  
As Far As You Can Go Before You Have To Come Back by Alle C. Hall  
Black Rose Writing

Finalist  
Because of Rachel by Alan Bryce Grossman  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The Devil's Calling by Michael Kelley  
Greenleaf Book Group

Finalist  
The Location Shoot: A Novel by Patricia Leavy  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
These Things Happen by Michael Eon  
Girl Friday Books

## **Fiction: Historical**

**Winner**  
**Shadows We Carry by Meryl Ain**  
**SparkPress**

Finalist  
An Enemy Like Me by Teri M. Brown  
Atmosphere Press

Finalist  
She Who Rides Horses: A Saga of the Ancient Steppe (Book One) by Sarah V. Barnes  
Lilith House Press

Finalist  
Sicilian Melody by Vincent B. "Chip" LoCoco  
Cefalutana Press

Finalist  
The River Remembers by Linda Ulleseit  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Serpent Papers by Jeff Schnader  
The Permanent Press

Finalist  
Traces by Patricia L. Hudson  
University Press of Kentucky

## **Fiction: Horror**

**Winner**  
**Moonlight Becomes You by Robert Herold**  
**Wild Rose Press**

Finalist  
All the Monsters Are Here: Thirteen Spooky Tales by Aaron Ray Ballard  
Page Publishing

Finalist  
Escaping Eden by Lana Lindemann  
Paradox Manuscripts

Finalist  
Testing the Prisoner by Phil Giunta  
Raging Seas Press

Finalist  
The Shadow of Banshee Hill by Fionn Mac Meldrum  
Koehler Books

Finalist  
Till Dawn by T.H. Alexander  
Barnes and Noble Press

Finalist  
Xolo: A Novel of Canine Horror by Peter Hurd  
Dorrance Publishing

## **Fiction: Inspirational**

**Winner**  
**Christmas at Grey Sage by Phyllis Clark Nichols**  
**Southern Stories Publishing**

Finalist  
Beyond the Threshold by Mark Ristau  
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist  
Finding Grace by Gary Lee Miller  
Morgan James Publishing

Finalist  
Return of the Song by Phyllis Clark Nichols  
Southern Stories Publishing

Finalist  
The Location Shoot: A Novel by Patricia Leavy  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Rocking Chair Prophet by Matthew Kelly  
Blue Sparrow

Finalist  
The Unbroken Horizon by Jenny Brav  
Atmosphere Press

## **Fiction: LGBTQ+**

**Winner**  
**Slow Reveal by Melanie Mitzner**  
**Inanna Publications**

Finalist  
Fire, Water, and Rock by Alaina Erdell  
Bold Strokes Books

Finalist  
MULLIGAN: the Journey of Dreams by Nathanael Starr Key  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Off the Menu by Alaina Erdell  
Bold Strokes Books

Finalist  
Revelation: A Novel by Gary McCarragher  
SDP Publishing

Finalist  
Tempered by Kate Kort  
Brick Mantel Books

Finalist  
The Sound of Her Smile: A Jency Willett Novel by Sara Scott  
Word Craft, LLC

## **Fiction: Literary**

**Winner**  
**The Marriage Box by Corie Adjmi**  
**She Writes Press**

Finalist  
My Dearest Miss Fairfax by Jeanette Watts  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Tell Me One Thing by Kerri Schlottman  
Regal House Publishing

Finalist  
The Earthquake Child: A Novel by Elayne Klasson  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Map Colorist: A Novel by Rebecca D'Harlingue  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
Water Memory: a novel by Tom Strellich  
Owl Canyon Press

Finalist  
Winter's Reckoning: a novel by Adele Holmes, MD  
She Writes Press

## **Fiction: Multicultural**

**Winner**  
**Blood to Rubies by Deborah Hufford**  
**Koehler Books**

Finalist  
Dynasties (Book 1, Winds of Fire Series) by Anju Gattani  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Islanders: The Pacific Chronicles by James Eldridge  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Of White Ashes by Constance Hays Matsumoto and Kent Matsumoto  
Loyola University Maryland-Apprentice House Press

Finalist  
Pearl of Arabia by Connor Black  
Chris Peterson Design, LLC

Finalist  
The River Remembers by Linda Ulleseit  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
Twisted Crows: Spanish-infused short stories by Will Canduri  
BPRO Editorial

## **Fiction: Mystery/Suspense**

**Winner**  
**Saving Myles by Carl Vonderau**  
**Oceanview Publishing, Inc.**

Finalist  
Bucharest Legacy: The Rise of the Oligarchs by William Maz  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

Finalist  
Burning Distance by Joanne Leedom-Ackerman  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

Finalist  
Echo from a Bayou by J. Luke Bennecke  
Jaytech Publishing

Finalist  
The Blood of Patriots and Traitors by James A. Scott  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

Finalist  
The Shakespeare Killer by Douglas J. Wood  
Plum Bay Publishing, LLC

Finalist  
With One Stone by Mark Jenkins  
Independently Published

## **Fiction: New Age**

**Winner**  
**The Grace Within by Crista Salvatore**  
**Halo Publishing International**

Finalist  
In Quest of the Perfect Song by Dennis R. Miller  
Perfect Song Press

## **Fiction: Novelette**

**Winner**  
**The Nobody Who Fought a Dragon by G. Edward Martin**  
**Independently Published**

## **Fiction: Novella**

**Winner**  
**Armed & Marvelous by Pam Crooks**  
**Independently Published**

Finalist  
Lincoln and Rachmaninoff Walk Into a Bar: A Climate Change Novella by Cherie Magnus  
Mirasol Press

Finalist  
Naked Came the Detective by Glendall C. Jackson III  
GCJ3 Enterprises

Finalist  
The Islander by David W. Berner  
Outpost19 Books/The Shortish Project

Finalist  
The Windy City Terror: A Griffin Knight Horror Mystery by Miguel Angel Hernandez Jr.  
Soaring High Publishing

Finalist  
Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol: Another Untold Miracle of Charles Dicken's Classic by Leonard Szymczak  
GPS Books

## **Fiction: Religious**

**Winner**  
**The Marriage Box by Corie Adjmi**  
**She Writes Press**

Finalist  
Captive by Michael Garrett  
KDP

Finalist  
Curve of the Earth: A Novel of Lazarus by Craig A. Brockman  
Curve of the Earth Publishing

Finalist  
Love's Final Sunrise by Catherine Ulrich Brakefield  
CrossRiver Media Group

Finalist  
Quest for a King by Gary L. Ivey  
Studio IV Productions

Finalist  
Revelation: A Novel by Gary McCarragher  
SDP Publishing

Finalist  
Self Portrait by Jim Sano  
Full Quiver Publishing

## **Fiction: Romance**

**Winner**  
**Where the Grass Grows Blue by Hope Gibbs**  
**Red Adept Publishing**

Finalist  
Alaska Blaze by LoLo Paige  
Avoca Press Publishing

Finalist  
Love & Panic by Raina Ash  
Pink Fox Publishing

Finalist  
The Palace at Dusk: A Novel by Angela Terry  
Girl Friday Books

Finalist  
The Weight of Betrayal by Sandra Montanino  
Edwards Publishing

Finalist  
Through the Veneer of Time by Vera Bell  
Champagne Book Group

Finalist  
Unlock My Heart by Jennifer Wilck  
The Wild Rose Press

## **Fiction: Science Fiction**

**Winner**  
**The Maze Cutter: A Maze Runner Novel by James Dashner**  
**Akashic Media Enterprises**

Finalist  
CRISPR Evolution by Charis Jones  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Cut Her Out In Little Stars by Daniele Kasper  
Solstice Publishing

Finalist  
GRONE by Patrick Cumby  
Broken Monolith Press

Finalist  
The Defense of the Commonwealth by John J. Spearman  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The Girl from Wudang by PJ Caldas  
Tuttle Publishing

Finalist  
The Movement: The Time Corrector Series Book 2 by Avi Datta  
Independently Published



## **Fiction: Short Story**

### **Winner**

**Sometimes Creek by Steve Fox**  
Cornerstone Press

### Finalist

Finding the Bones by Nikki Kallio  
Cornerstone Press

### Finalist

Music from a Strange Planet: Stories by Barbara Black  
Caitlin Press

### Finalist

Origami Dogs by Noley Reid  
Autumn House Press

### Finalist

Resurrection City: Stories from the Disaster Zone by Catherine Browder  
Willow Springs Books

### Finalist

The Healing Book by Dustin Grinnell  
Finishing Line Press

### Finalist

Vengefully Yours by J Rose Black  
Black Label Press

## **Fiction: Thriller/Adventure**

### **Winner**

**The Blood of Patriots and Traitors by James A. Scott**  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

### Finalist

Big Dogs: Book One in the Big Dogs Series by S.L. Ditmars  
WildBlue Press

### Finalist

Burning Distance by Joanne Leedom-Ackerman  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

### Finalist

Extreme Vetting: A Thriller by Roxana Arama  
Ooligan Press (Portland State University)

### Finalist

Keppan: The Blood Oath—A Connor Burke Martial Arts Thriller by John Donohue  
YMAA Publication Center

### Finalist

Saving Myles by Carl Vonderau  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

### Finalist

Second Term, a thriller by J. M. Adams  
Oceanview Publishing, Inc.

## **Fiction: Visionary**

### **Winner**

Winner

**The Devil's Calling by Michael Kelley**  
**Greenleaf Book Group**

Finalist

Beyond the Threshold by Mark Ristau  
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist

Brush: A Novel by Penn Anderson  
Independently Published

Finalist

Delirium Wilderness by Craig A. Brockman  
Curve of the Earth Publishing

Finalist

Orchid Child by Victoria Costello  
Liminal Books

## **Fiction: Western**

Winner

**The Ways of Water: A Novel by Teresa H. Janssen**  
**She Writes Press**

Finalist

Blood to Rubies by Deborah Hufford  
Koehler Books

Finalist

Changing Woman: A Novel of the Camp Grant Massacre by Venetia Hobson Lewis  
Bison Books

Finalist

Clayton Sharp: Life or Death, Book Two by Eugene J. DiCesaris  
Five Star

Finalist

Courting Betsy: Book 3 of The Ashmore Brothers Series by Judy Ann Davis  
Independently Published

Finalist

Last Chance, TX by John Cappello  
Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing

Finalist

Tom Sharp: The Man and the Legend by Charlie Steel  
Condor Publishing, Inc

## **Fiction: Women's Fiction**

Winner

**My Secret to Keep by Barbara Conrey**  
**Red Adept Publishing**

Finalist

As Far As You Can Go Before You Have To Come Back by Alle C. Hall  
Black Rose Writing

Finalist

Hollyland: A Novel by Patricia Leavy  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Earthquake Child: A Novel by Elayne Klasson  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Marriage Box by Corie Adjmi  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Palace at Dusk: A Novel by Angela Terry  
Girl Friday Books

Finalist  
Where the Grass Grows Blue by Hope Gibbs  
Red Adept Publishing

## **Fiction: Young Adult**

**Winner**  
**The Godhead Complex by James Dashner**  
**Akashic Media Enterprises**

Finalist  
Alice the Cat by Tim Cummings  
Fitzroy Books (Regal House Publishing)

Finalist  
The Concert by Lawson McDowell  
Rawr Publishing Company

Finalist  
The Underground Book Readers: The Secret Society, Book 1 by Terry Overton  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The Witchfinder's Serpent by Rande Goodwin  
Greenleaf Book Group

Finalist  
Vasilisa by Julia Mathison  
Starr Creek Press

Finalist  
Vaulting through Time by Nancy McCabe  
CamCat

## **Health: Addiction & Recovery**

**Winner**  
**ADDICTED: Recovering from Marijuana Addiction by Kathy D.**  
**Kindle Digital Publishing**

## **Health: Aging/50+**

**Winner**  
**The Glaucoma Guidebook: Expert Advice on Maintaining Healthy Vision by Constance Okeke, MD, MSCE**  
**Johns Hopkins University Press**

Finalist  
Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's or Other Dementia: Everything I Wish I Had Known  
by Leah Stanley  
Innovo Publishing

Finalist

The Race Against Time: Adventures in Late-Life Running by Richard Askwith  
Yellow Jersey Press

## **Health: Alternative Medicine**

**Winner**

**Essentials of Medical Intuition: A Visionary Path to Wellness by Wendie Colter, MCWC, CMIP**

**Watkins Publishing**

Finalist

Breath for the Soul: Self-Care Steps to Wellness by Jan E. Patterson, MD & Phyllis Clark Nichols

Healing Leaves Publishing

Finalist

Diabetes 21 by Bala Kumar  
Independently Published

Finalist

Fasting Firepower by Marjan  
Marjan LLC

Finalist

Open for Interpretation: A Doctor's Journey Into Astrology by Alicia Blando  
She Writes Press

Finalist

Spirit of Sedna: Oracle for a New Consciousness by Heidi DuPree, RN, ND  
Energy Healing Solutions, LLC

## **Health: Cancer**

**Winner**

**Living: Inspiration from a Father with Cancer by Jeff Stewart**

**Wadsack-Stewart Press**

Finalist

Keith's Inspirational Story Negotiating Cancer: Survive, Revive, Thrive by Maryla Mary Storm  
Independently Published

Finalist

Nature Gifts of the Soursop Leaves by David Soh Poh Huat  
Independently Published

Finalist

Saved by Hope by Jenny Lowe  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Womb Worlds by Lisa Molina  
Finishing Line Press

## **Health: Death & Dying**

**Winner**

**Catch Me When I Fall: Poems of Mother Loss and Healing by Donna Stoneham**  
**She Writes Press**

Finalist

A Sky of Infinite Blue: A Japanese Immigrant's Search for Home and Self by Kyomi O'Connor  
She Writes Press

Finalist

All is Well: Life Lessons from a Preacher's Father by Kevin P. Martin Jr.  
Skyhorse Publishing

Finalist

Consciousness Beyond Death: True Stories of Signs, Messages, and Timing by Sophia Demas  
Mascot Books

Finalist

Dad Died, Then Mom: Sibling's Spiritual & Inspirational Memoir As Caregivers by Malia Arries  
Trilogy Christian Publishers

Finalist

Keith's Inspirational Story Negotiating Cancer: Survive, Revive, Thrive by Maryla Mary Storm  
Independently Published

Finalist

Move Forward Stronger: A Dynamic Framework to Process Change, Loss, and Grief by Julia A. Nicholson  
Diamante Press

## **Health: Diet & Exercise**

**Winner**

**Omega Balance: Nutritional Power for a Happier, Healthier Life by Anthony John Hulbert**  
**Johns Hopkins University Press**

Finalist

Winning with Diabetes: Inspiring Stories from Athletes to Help You Thrive by Mark D. Corriere, MD, Rita R. Kalyani, MD, MHS, and Patrick J. Smith, illustrated by Jennifer E. Fairman, CMI, FAMI  
Johns Hopkins University Press

## **Health: General**

**Winner**

**Kickass Healthy LADA: How to Thrive with Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults by Jacqueline Haskins**  
**Hachette**

Finalist

COVID: 19 Stories of Hope, edited by Warren L. Maye  
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory

Finalist

Cracking Chests: How Thoracic Surgery got From Rocks to Sticks by Alex G. Little, M.D.  
SDP Publishing

Finalist

E R Doctor: Tales of an emergency room doctor by Paul Weinberg, M.D.  
LID Publishing

Finalist

How Healers Heal by Shilpi Pradhan  
Pradhan Publications LLC

Finalist

The Glaucoma Guidebook: Expert Advice on Maintaining Healthy Vision by Constance Okeke, MD, MSCE

Johns Hopkins University Press

Finalist

The Pandemic Divide: How COVID Increased Inequality in America edited by Gwendolyn L. Wright, Lucas Hubbard and William A. Darity  
Duke University Press

## **Health: Psychology/Mental Health**

**Winner**

**Traumatization and Its Aftermath by Antonieta Contreras  
Routledge**

Finalist

A Dove in the Shadows: My Mental Health Recovery Journey from Patient to Professional by Jennifer Silbaugh  
Aurora Corialis Publishing

Finalist

Emotional Intelligence 3.0: How to Stop Playing Small in a Really Big Universe by Tomi White Bryan  
Houndstooth Press

Finalist

Healing is Messy AF: Buckle Up Because the Only Out is Through by Katlyn E. Kenealy, MA, LPC  
Independently Published

Finalist

IV Ketamine Infusion Therapy for Depression: Why I Tried It, What It's Like, and If It Worked by Frank M. Ligons  
Next Gen Medical LLC

Finalist

Move Forward Stronger: A Dynamic Framework to Process Change, Loss, and Grief by Julia A. Nicholson  
Diamante Press

Finalist

The Hijacked Conscience: An Informed and Compassionate Response to Religious Scrupulosity by Debra Peck  
Sacra Sage Press

## **Health: Women's Health**

**Winner**

**I Trust My Inner Voice by Ana Parra Vivas  
Independently Published**

Finalist

How Healers Heal by Shilpi Pradhan  
Pradhan Publications LLC

Finalist

My Heart Attack Saved My Life...But For What? by Susan Smith  
Heart Smart Press

Finalist

Root, Rise, Roar by Dawn King  
Muse Literary

## **History: General**

**Winner**

**Murder in Manchuria: The True Story of a Jewish Virtuoso, Russian Fascists, a French Diplomat, and a Japanese Spy in Occupied China by Scott D. Seligman  
Potomac Books (University of Nebraska Press)**

Finalist

"Detroit: Who Built Her? Who Broke Her?" 1620 to 1890 by Douglas Jamiel  
Independently Published

Finalist

Leaving Home by Andrew Saltarelli  
K-Selected Books

Finalist

Lucky Jack (1894-2000) by S. Bavey  
Independently Published

Finalist

Squirrel Is Alive: A Teenager in the Belgian Resistance & French Underground by Mary Rostad  
Fulcrum Publishing

## **History: Military**

**Winner**

**Vietnam Combat: Firefights and Writing History by Robin Bartlett  
Casemate Publishers**

Finalist

Captured by Love: Inspiring True Romance Stories from Vietnam POWs by Lee Ellis and Greg Godek  
FreedomStar Media

Finalist

In Search of Monsters to Destroy: The Folly of American Empire and the Paths to Peace by Christopher J. Coyne  
Independent Institute

Finalist

Love and Kisses, Charlie: WWII Letters From a Jewish-American Serviceman by Charlie Fletcher & Joshua Gerstein  
Independently Published

Finalist

No Shit Here I Am: A Soldier's Stories of Life During and After the War on Terror by Jarrod L. Taylor  
Independently Published

## **History: United States**

**Winner**

**Freedom: The Enduring Importance of the American Revolution by Jack D. Warren, Jr.  
Rowman & Littlefield**

Finalist

Allegiance: The Life and Times of William Eustis by Tamsen Evans  
George Riverhaven Books

Finalist

In Search of Monsters to Destroy: The Folly of American Empire and the Paths to Peace by Christopher J. Coyne  
Independent Institute

Finalist  
Life in the White House by Betty C. Monkman  
The White House Historical Association

Finalist  
Rise and Fall of the American Empire by Dr. Richard Bishirjian  
En Route Books & Media, LLC

Finalist  
The New Deal's War on the Bill of Rights: The Untold Story of FDR's Concentration Camps, Censorship, and Mass Surveillance by David T. Beito  
Independent Institute

## **Home & Garden**

**Winner**  
**Permaculture Gardening for the Absolute Beginner by Josie Beckham**  
**All We Need Publishing**

Finalist  
Foundation Repair Secrets: Learn How to Protect Yourself and Save Thousands by Robert K. Brown  
Advantage Media

Finalist  
The Guide to Getting Off Your Butt & Cleaning by Angela Varga  
KDP / Amazon

## **Humor/Comedy/Satire**

**Winner**  
**Funny Bones: True Tales from a Chiropractor That Will Crack You Up! by Dr. David Friedman**  
**Greenleaf Book Group**

Finalist  
Bumpy Rides and Soft Landings: Stories of Coming Out, Flying High, and Not Learning to Play the Piano by James Pauley, Jr.  
Take Flight Publishing, LLC

Finalist  
How To Stop Thinking And Not Get Eaten By A Bear: The New Cognitive Behavioral Mind Training by Dogu Densei  
Caduceus Press

Finalist  
Invention Is a Mother by Rob Brownell  
Syllaballistics Publishing

Finalist  
Sleeping between Giants Book 2, Ask a Terrier: Professional Advice from a Licensed Dog by Dave Jaffe  
Cray-Cray Publishing

Finalist  
So You Want To Be A Dictator: A Supreme Leadership Guide For The Aspiring Authoritarian by C.T. Jackson  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Worst Knights Ever by Dane Hanson  
Psycho Toxin Press



## Law

### Winner

**Personal Genome Medicine: The Legal and Regulatory Transformation of US Medicine**  
by Michael J. Malinowski  
Cambridge University Press

### Finalist

Law and Cultural Diplomacy by Dr. Mosi Dorbayani  
WAALM Publications, UK/North America & NOVA School of Law

### Finalist

The Drug Tampering Trial by Tom Breen  
BBradford Books/New Book Authors

### Finalist

The Law at Work: A Legal Playbook for Executives and Professionals by Alan G. Crone  
Lioncrest Publishing

## Legacy: Autobiography/Memoir

### Winner

**Stolen Dreams: A Manchurian Legacy** by Julie Kowalska Sormark  
Independently Published

### Finalist

Dancing in My Tattered Pink Dress: Grief, Guts and Glory by Ruth-Ann Thompson  
Watersprings Publishing

### Finalist

The Old Man and Me by RC Larlham  
Black Rose Writing

### Finalist

The Passion of Life: Escaping the Holocaust by Helene J. RW. Wald  
Amazon

## Legacy: Children's Book

### Winner

**Polar Bear and the UFO** by Cynthia C. Huijgens  
Idle Time Press

## Legacy: Fiction

### Winner

**A Southern Girl** by John Warley  
University of South Carolina Press

### Finalist

Civil Terror: Gridlock by J. Luke Bennecke  
Jaytech Publishing

### Finalist

Echoes from the Past by Daniel Butkiewicz  
Amazon KDP

### Finalist

Glass by Kate Kort  
Brick Mantel Books

### Finalist

Mink Eyes by Dan Flanigan

Arjuna Books

Finalist

My Best Mistake: Tasha's Story by Carole Wolfe  
Blind Vista Press

Finalist

The Big Tilt by Dan Flanigan  
Arjuna Books

## **Legacy: Nonfiction**

**Winner**

**Mission Transition: Navigating the Opportunities to Your Post-Military Career by  
Matthew J. Louis  
HarperCollins Leadership**

Finalist

Stolen Dreams: A Manchurian Legacy by Julie Kowalska Sormark  
Independently Published

## **Legacy: Self-Help/Spirituality**

**Winner**

**Becoming In-Lightened by Denise Ganulin  
Independently Published**

Finalist

Mission Transition: Navigating the Opportunities to Your Post-Military Career by Matthew J.  
Louis  
HarperCollins Leadership

## **LGBTQ+ Nonfiction**

**Winner**

**Affliction: Growing Up With A Closeted Gay Dad by Laura Hall  
She Writes Press**

Finalist

Bumpy Rides and Soft Landings: Stories of Coming Out, Flying High, and Not Learning to  
Play the Piano by James Pauley, Jr.  
Take Flight Publishing, LLC

Finalist

Erotic Medievalisms: Medieval Pleasures Empowering Marginalized People by Elan Justice  
Pavlinich  
Routledge Press

Finalist

Held And Free: Coming Out of Your Story by Meagan O'Nan  
New Degrees Press

Finalist

Late Bloomer: Finding My Authentic Self at Midlife by Melissa Giberson  
She Writes Press

Finalist

LGBTQ+: ABCs For Grownups by Shannon Whittington  
Independently Published

Finalist

MULLIGAN: the Journey of Dreams by Nathanael Starr Key  
Independently Published

## **Multicultural: Nonfiction**

### **Winner**

**A Sky of Infinite Blue: A Japanese Immigrant's Search for Home and Self by Kyomi O'Connor**  
**She Writes Press**

### Finalist

All Bones are White by Carlo Perez Allen  
Fluky Fiction

### Finalist

Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine by Christa Bruhn  
Little Creek Press

### Finalist

Day of the Dead in the USA: The Migration and Transformation of a Cultural Phenomenon, 2nd Edition by Regina Marchi  
Rutgers University Press

### Finalist

Places We Left Behind: a memoir-in-miniature by Jennifer Lang  
Vine Leaves Press

### Finalist

The Borinqueneers: A Visual History of the 65th Infantry Regiment by Noemi Figueroa Soulet  
El Pozo Productions

### Finalist

Unfinished Business: Breaking Down the Great Wall Between Adult Child and Immigrant Parents by Amy C. Yip  
Publish Your Purpose

## **New Age: Nonfiction**

### **Winner**

**Quantum Spirituality: Science, Gnostic Mysticism, and Connecting with Source Consciousness by Peter Canova**  
**Bear & Company**

### Finalist

How To Stop Thinking And Not Get Eaten By A Bear: The New Cognitive Behavioral Mind Training by Dogu Densei  
Caduceus Press

### Finalist

Raise Your Frequency Though Number Messages: Awaken to the Meaning of Number Sequences and Synchronicities from Animals, Nature, and the Universe by Melissa Alvarez  
Adrema Press

### Finalist

Trust Your Intuition: A Guide to Living Your Authentic Life by Robin Pollak  
Muse Literary

### Finalist

Winks from Above: Opening Up to Signs and Synchronicities to Receive Little Miracles Each Day by Liliane Fortna  
Capucia

## **Nonfiction: Creative**

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**Winner**

**The Golden Ticket: A Life in College Admissions Essays by Irena Smith  
She Writes Press**

Finalist

Bipolar a Gift of Thorns by Dale Zurawski  
Acorn Publishing

Finalist

Broken Little Believer: Finding Purpose in All the Pretty Painful Pieces by Shane Svorec  
AAE

Finalist

Please Write: Finding Joy and Meaning in the Soulful Art of Handwritten Letters by Lynne M. Kolze  
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist

Stories That Move by Bill Berry  
Independently Published

Finalist

The Fifth Chamber by Anne Gudger  
Jaded Ibis Press

Finalist

The Worst Thing We've Ever Done: One Juror's Reckoning with Racial Injustice by Carol Menaker  
She Writes Press

**Nonfiction: Cross-Genre**

**Winner**

**Once Our Lives: Life, Death and Love in the Middle Kingdom by Qin Sun Stubis  
Guernica Editions**

Finalist

Become Your Masterpiece: A Poetic Symphony of Wisdom, Guidance, Tools and Techniques for Transforming Your Life by Carlton J. Buller  
FairWeather Publications

Finalist

Launching into the Unknown: The Beautiful and Bewildering World of the Sudanese by Leoma Gilley  
GracePoint Publishing

Finalist

My Grief Is Not Like Yours by Theo Boyd  
Forefront Books

Finalist

Sundays With Salvador: 52 Recipes To Cultivate Conversation, Connection, And Community by Karen Mangia  
Independently Published

Finalist

The Blue Leash: A Year of Mourning by Scott D. DoVale  
Kuma Bear Publishing

Finalist

The Paradox of Debt: A New Path to Prosperity Without Crisis by Richard Vague  
University of Pennsylvania Press

**Nonfiction: General**

**Winner**

**Black Cowboys of Rodeo: Unsung Heroes from Harlem to Hollywood and the American West by Keith Ryan Cartwright  
University of Nebraska Press**

Finalist

Communicate with Courage: Taking Risks to Overcome the Four Hidden Challenges by  
Michelle D. Gladieux  
Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.

Finalist

How Healers Heal by Shilpi Pradhan  
Pradhan Publications LLC

Finalist

Leaving Home by Andrew Saltarelli  
K-Selected Books

Finalist

Mastering Resilience by Lorry Leigh Belhumeur  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Sacrifice: The Green Berets, A Fateful Ambush, and a Gold Star Widow's Fight for the Truth  
by Michelle Black  
Putnam

Finalist

The New Deal's War on the Bill of Rights: The Untold Story of FDR's Concentration Camps,  
Censorship, and Mass Surveillance by David T. Beito  
Independent Institute

**Nonfiction: Inspirational**

**Winner**

**OVERCOMING: Lessons in Overcoming Adversity and the Power of Our Common  
Humanity by Dr. Augustus White III with Jon Land & David Chanoff  
Post Hill Press**

Finalist

Against All Odds: A Story of Faith, Courage, and Never Giving Up by Anthony Razzano  
Wiley

Finalist

Broken Little Believer: Finding Purpose in All the Pretty Painful Pieces by Shane Svorec  
AAE

Finalist

Sage Words FREEDOM: Book One, Create A Life You Don't Need A Vacation From by Sage  
Justice  
Independently Published

Finalist

Tailored Approaches to Self-Leadership: A Bite-Size Approach Using Psychology and  
Neuroscience by Grant Bosnick  
Routledge, Taylor & Francis

Finalist

Truth Matters, Love Wins by Alexandra J. Kuisis  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Underwater Daughter: A Memoir of Survival and Healing by Antonia Deignan  
She Writes Press

## **Nonfiction: Narrative**

### **Winner**

**On the Rocks by Maria C. Palmer and Ruthie Robbins**  
**Koehler Books**

### Finalist

About Natalie: A Daughter's Addiction. A Mother's Love. Finding Their Way Back To Each Other by Christine Pisera Naman  
Health Communications, Inc.

### Finalist

Brave Face: The Inspiring WWII Memoir of a Dutch/German Child by I. Caroline Crocker and Meta A. Evenbly  
Amsterdam Publishers

### Finalist

Conversations Behind the Kitchen Door: 50 American Chefs Chart Today's Food Culture by Emmanuel Laroche  
Morgan James Publishing

### Finalist

Mississippi Barking: Hurricane Katrina and a Life That Went to the Dogs by Chris McLaughlin  
University Press of Mississippi

### Finalist

The Man Who Hacked the World: A Ghostwriter's Descent into Madness with John McAfee by Alex Cody Foster  
Turner Publishing

### Finalist

Vietnam Combat: Firefights and Writing History by Robin Bartlett  
Casemate Publishers

## **Novelty & Gift Book**

### **Winner**

**The Official White House Christmas Ornament: Collected Stories of a Holiday Tradition**  
**by Marcia Mallet Anderson and Kristen Hunter Mason**  
**The White House Historical Association**

### Finalist

Exploring Wine Regions: California Central Coast by Michael C. Higgins, PhD  
International Exploration Society

### Finalist

How to Love Yourself: In Less Than a Week and Also for the Rest of Your Life by Rachel Madorsky, LCSW  
Muse Literary

## **Parenting & Family**

### **Winner**

**Raising Good Humans Every Day: 50 Simple Ways to Press Pause, Stay Present and Connect with Your Kinds** by Hunter Clarke-Fields  
**New Harbinger Publications**

### Finalist

Still the World's Worst Diabetes Mom: More Real-Life Stories of Raising a Child with Type 1 Diabetes by Stacey Simms  
Spark Publications

Finalist

Stress-Free Pregnancy for Men: The First-Time Dad's Guide to Supporting your partner, Rocking childbirth, and Caring for your newborn with Confidence by Babyvarsity  
KDP / Amazon

Finalist

The Golden Ticket: A Life in College Admissions Essays by Irena Smith  
She Writes Press

Finalist

The Parent's Complete Guide to Ayurveda: Principles, Practices, and Recipes for Happy, Healthy Kids by Jayarajan Kodikannath and Alyson Young Gregory  
Shambhala Publications

Finalist

The Power of PR Parenting by Marjie Hadad  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Traveling Different: Vacation Strategies for Parents of the Anxious, the Inflexible, and the Neurodiverse by Dawn M. Barclay  
Rowman & Littlefield

## **Performing Arts: Film, Theater, Dance, Music**

**Winner**

**The Cello Still Sings: A Generational Story of the Holocaust and of the Transformative Power of Music by Janet Horvath**

**Amsterdam Publishers**

Finalist

Genesis of a Genre: The Birth of Christian Rock by Joe Markko  
Home Before Midnight LLC

Finalist

Picnic Pandaemonium by Aniela Emma Chaudhuri  
Six Cat Studios LTD.

Finalist

REEL FACTS: Unbelievable Stuff About Famous Film Stars and Movies That Really Happened by Jeff Lenburg  
Moonwater Press

Finalist

The Accidental Orchestra by Aniela Emma Chaudhuri  
Six Cat Studios LTD.

Finalist

The Guitar Decoder Ring: Featuring SIGIL - The New Language of Guitar by Asher Black  
MadPipe Publishing

## **Photography**

**Winner**

**Exploring Wine Regions: California Central Coast by Michael C. Higgins, PhD  
International Exploration Society**

Finalist

The Brush Dances and the Light Sings by John Palka & Yvonne Palka, in memoriam  
Kirk House Publishers

## **Poetry: Anthologies**

**Winner**

**Dear Human at the Edge of Time: Poems on Climate Change in the United States edited by Luisa A. Igloria, Aileen Cassinetto & Jeremy S. Hoffman  
Paloma Press**

Finalist

13 Poets from Long Island edited by John A. Valenti 3rd and Evelyn Kandel  
Bushwickborn Productions, Inc.

Finalist

Let Me Say This: A Dolly Parton Poetry Anthology edited by Julie E. Bloemeke and Dustin Brookshire  
Madville Publishing

Finalist

Poems To Lift You Up and Make You Smile by Jayne Jaudon Ferrer  
Parson's Porch

Finalist

tacenda at eventide by Victoria Tan  
BookLeaf Publishing

**Poetry: Chapbook**

**Winner**

**Tracking the Fox by Rosalie Sanara Petrouske  
The Poetry Box**

Finalist

Bone Wishing by Tara Flint Taylor  
Slapering Hol Press

Finalist

Broken Metronome by Connie Post  
Glass Lyre Press

Finalist

Little Victory by Elizabeth Kuelbs  
Finishing Line Press

Finalist

Never Picked First For Playtime by Dustin Brookshire  
Harbor Editions

Finalist

Our Wolves by Luanne Castle  
Alien Buddha Press

Finalist

What Woman That Was: Poems for Mary Dyer by Anne Myles  
Final Thursday Press

**Poetry: Contemporary**

**Winner**

**Impossible Belonging by Maya Pindyck  
Anhinga Press**

Finalist

Burnt Matches by Maylee Curtis  
Gatekeeper Press

Finalist



I Have Decided to Remain Vertical by Gayelene Carbis  
Puncher and Wattmann

Finalist  
Immortal Seeds: Bearing Gold From the Abyss by Carolyn Mary Kleefeld  
The Seventh Quarry & Cross-Cultural Communications

Finalist  
Kiss You Love Goodbye, a poetic journey through life by Wendy Haller  
Independently Published

Finalist  
The Last Hippy Poet of the Woodstock Generation: a psychedelic memoir and narrative verse  
by C. Steven Blue  
Sunset West Publishing Group

Finalist  
Violet by Sabrina Simon  
Gatekeeper Press

## **Poetry: General**

### **Winner**

**Frank Dark by Stephen Massimilla**  
**Barrow Street Press**

Finalist  
Between Twilight by Connie Post  
New York Quarterly Books

Finalist  
Five Dreams by Elizabeth Michaud  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Rooted and Winged by Luanne Castle  
Finishing Line Press

Finalist  
Soundings by David Gonzalez  
The Poetry Box

Finalist  
The Road to Continental Heart: Befriending, and Defending, the Spirit of North America by  
Steven Dale Davison  
Boyle & Dalton

Finalist  
Words in Passing by E.M. Schorb  
The New Formalist Press

## **Poetry: Narrative**

### **Winner**

**Alone in the House of My Heart by Kari Gunter-Seymour**  
**Ohio University Press/Swallow Press**

Finalist  
Five Dreams by Elizabeth Michaud  
Independently Published

Finalist  
She Bleeds Sestinas by Rebecca Jane  
Atmosphere Press

Finalist

The Elk in the Glade: The World of Pioneer and Painter Jennie Hicks by Bruce E. Whitacre  
Crown Rock Media

Finalist

Vivia—The Legend of Vivia Thomas: A Novelette in Poems by Linda Neal Reising  
Kelsay Books

Finalist

What Woman That Was: Poems for Mary Dyer by Anne Myles  
Final Thursday Press

Finalist

When Your Sky Runs Into Mine by Rooja Mohassessy  
Elixir Press

## **Poetry: Nature**

**Winner**

**REAP a flora by Mara Adamitz Scrupe**  
**Shipwreck Publishing Company Books**

Finalist

Midwest Hymns by Dale Cottingham  
Kelsay Books

## **Poetry: Religious**

**Winner**

**Connecting with Allah by Mona Zac**  
**Zac and Aslam**

Finalist

in so few words: A Collection of Short Form Poetry by Linda L. Kruschke  
Independently Published

Finalist

When the Trumpet Is Blown by Quraisyah Durbarry  
Wipf and Stock

## **Poetry: Urban**

**Winner**

**The Last Hippy Poet of the Woodstock Generation: a psychedelic memoir and narrative  
verse by C. Steven Blue**  
**Sunset West Publishing Group**

## **Religion: Christian Inspirational**

**Winner**

**On Borrowed Breath: A Memoir of Faith, Love and Advocating Through A Health Crisis  
by Karen Campbell Wilkinson**  
**SelfPublishing.com**

Finalist

Beyond Belief: How Living with a Brain Stem Tumor Brought Faith and Purpose to Life by  
Kyle Campbell  
Ignite Press

Finalist

COVID: 19 Stories of Hope, edited by Warren L. Maye  
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory

Finalist

Divine Detour: The Path You'd Never Choose Can Lead to the Faith You've Always Wanted  
by Lori Ann Wood  
CrossRiver Media Group

Finalist

Naomi and the Widows' Club: A Safe Strong Place after the Loss of a Spouse by Kim Harms  
Muse Literary

Finalist

The MENTal Fight Of Your Life by Freddie Floyd Jr.  
Covenant Books

Finalist

Where Was God When I Needed Him Most?: Finding Christ Even in My Darkest Hour by  
David R. Clark

SelfPublishing.com

## **Religion: Christianity**

**Winner**

**Following the Way of Wisdom Jesus: A 12-Week Guide into Peace and Subversion by  
Josh R. Ritter and Sharyl West Loeung  
Kardia Writing and Publishing**

Finalist

A Holy Haunting: Why Faith isn't a leap but a series of staggers from one safe place to  
another by Sam D. Kim  
Morgan James Faith

Finalist

Biblical Keys to Life: The Questions We Have and the Answers We Need by Latina Nichole  
Smith  
Luvheir Publishing

Finalist

Divine Detour: The Path You'd Never Choose Can Lead to the Faith You've Always Wanted  
by Lori Ann Wood  
CrossRiver Media Group

Finalist

Girl You've G.O.T. This!: Why It's Too Soon to Give Up (Participant's Workbook and Leader's  
Guide) by Kim Crabill  
Independently Published

Finalist

Jesus, the Ultimate Ladies' Man by Sarah Holley  
House on a Rock Publishing

Finalist

Living Free: 31 Truths to Pave Your Path to Freedom by Kim Crabill  
Independently Published

## **Religion: Eastern**

**Winner**

**A Sky of Infinite Blue: A Japanese Immigrant's Search for Home and Self by Kyomi  
O'Connor  
She Writes Press**

Finalist

A Daoist Practice Journal: Interreligious Dialogue: Daoism & Christianity, Extraordinary Vessels & Daoist Cultivation by Michael Rinaldini  
Amazon KDP

Finalist  
Ichiro and the Great Mountain by W. Nikola-Lisa  
Gyroscope Books

## **Religion: General**

**Winner**  
**Sonorous Desert: What Deep Listening Taught Early Christian Monks—and What It Can Teach Us** by Kim Haines-Eitzen  
**Princeton University Press**

Finalist  
A Theology for the Rest of Us by Arthur Yavelberg  
MSI Press

Finalist  
Delight Drizzled Days: Sweet Devotions For Abundant Living by Lisa Wilt  
RX For The Soulful Heart

## **Science**

**Winner**  
**Secrets of the Moon** by Andrew Osio  
**Independently Published**

## **Self-Help: General**

**Winner**  
**The Performance Paradox: Turning the Power of Mindset into Action** by Eduardo Briceño  
**Ballantine Books**

Finalist  
Happy AF: Simple Strategies to Get Unstuck, Bounce Back, and Live Your Best Life by Beth Romero  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
OVERCOMING: Lessons in Overcoming Adversity and the Power of Our Common Humanity by Dr. Augustus Whiter III with Jon Land & David Chanoff  
Post Hill Press

Finalist  
Quantum Spirituality: Science, Gnostic Mysticism, and Connecting with Source Consciousness by Peter Canova  
Bear & Company

Finalist  
Rise and Shine: How to Transform Your Life, Morning by Morning by Kate Oliver & Toby Oliver  
Piatkus

Finalist  
Traumatization and Its Aftermath by Antonieta Contreras  
Routledge

Finalist  
You Make Your Path By Walking: A Transformational Field Guide Through Trauma and Loss  
by Suzanne Anderson

by Suzanne Anderson  
She Writes Press

## **Self-Help: Motivational**

### **Winner**

**Holistic Wealth Expanded and Updated: 36 Life Lessons To Help You Recover From Disruption, Find Your Life Purpose and Achieve Financial Freedom by Keisha Blair  
Girl Friday Books**

### Finalist

Broken Little Believer: Finding Purpose in All the Pretty Painful Pieces by Shane Svorec  
AAE

### Finalist

Good Awkward: How to Embrace the Embarrassing and Celebrate the Cringe to Become The  
Bravest You by Henna Pryor  
Ideapress Publishing

### Finalist

Living All In: How to Show Up for the Life You Want by Chris Janssen  
Chris Janssen Coaching LLC

### Finalist

Speak Kindly, You're Listening by Jessica Metcalf  
Muse Literary

### Finalist

The Performance Paradox: Turning the Power of Mindset into Action by Eduardo Briceño  
Ballantine Books

### Finalist

The Wisdom of Morrie: Living and Aging Creatively & Joyfully by Morrie Schwartz, edited by  
Rob Schwartz  
Blackstone Publishing

## **Self-Help: Relationships**

### **Winner**

**You Will Find Your People: How to Make Meaningful Friendships as an Adult by Lane  
Moore  
Abrams Image**

### Finalist

Communicate with Courage: Taking Risks to Overcome the Four Hidden Challenges by  
Michelle D. Gladioux  
Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc.

### Finalist

How You Leave Them Feeling: Your Foundation For Inspiring Love & Relationships by Lisa  
Ferrell & Jesse Ferrell  
PYP Publish Your Purpose

### Finalist

Ride or Die: Loving Through Tragedy, A Husband's Memoir by Jarie Bolander  
SparkPress

### Finalist

The Power of PR Parenting by Marjie Hadad  
Muse Literary

### Finalist

Unfinished Business: Breaking Down the Great Wall Between Adult Child and Immigrant  
Parents by Amy C. Yip  
Publish Your Purpose

Finalist  
Wild Monogamy: Cultivating Erotic Intimacy to Keep Passion and Desire Alive by Mali Apple and Joe Dunn  
A Higher Possibility

## **Social Change**

**Winner**  
**Is Social Justice Just? edited by Robert M. Whaples, Michael C. Munger, and**

**Christopher J. Coyne**  
**Independent Institute**

Finalist  
Confronting the Racist Legacy of the American Child Welfare System: The Case for Abolition by Alan J. Dettlaff  
Oxford University Press

Finalist  
Crossing Borders: The Search for Dignity in Palestine by Christa Bruhn  
Little Creek Press

Finalist  
How To Talk About Guns with Anyone by Katherine Schweit  
82 Stories

Finalist  
Sage Words FREEDOM: Book One, Create A Life You Don't Need A Vacation From by Sage Justice  
Independently Published

Finalist  
Stop the Killing: How to End the Mass Shooting Crisis by Katherine Schweit  
82 Stories

Finalist  
Women in Politics: Breaking Down the Barriers to Achieve True Representation by Mary Chung Hayashi  
MKC Press

## **Spirituality: General**

**Winner**  
**Quantum Spirituality: Science, Gnostic Mysticism, and Connecting with Source Consciousness by Peter Canova**  
**Bear & Company**

Finalist  
Emotional Intelligence 3.0: How to Stop Playing Small in a Really Big Universe by Tomi White Bryan  
Houndstooth Press

Finalist  
Following the Way of Wisdom Jesus: A 12-Week Guide into Peace and Subversion by Josh R. Ritter and Sharyl West Loeung  
Kardia Writing and Publishing

Finalist  
Raise Your Frequency Through Number Messages: Awaken to the Meaning of Number Sequences and Synchronicities from Animals, Nature, and the Universe by Melissa Alvarez  
Adrema Press

Finalist  
Taijiquan Theory of Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming, 2nd Edition: The Root of Taijiquan (Tai Chi Chuan)

by Dr. Yang, Jwing-Ming  
YMAA Publication Center

Finalist  
Truth Matters, Love Wins by Alexandra J. Kuisis  
Muse Literary

## **Spirituality: Inspirational**

**Winner**  
**Quantum Spirituality: Science, Gnostic Mysticism, and Connecting with Source Consciousness by Peter Canova**  
**Bear & Company**

Finalist  
A Schizophrenic, Tapped & Skipped: Hope In The Midst Of Madness by J Mark Stacy  
WRITENOWBOOKS LLC

Finalist  
A Sky of Infinite Blue: A Japanese Immigrant's Search for Home and Self by Kyomi O'Connor  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
A Trauma Toolbox: How to Include Your Soul in Healing Trauma by Victoria McGee, M.A.  
McGee Publications

Finalist  
Catch Me When I Fall: Poems of Mother Loss and Healing by Donna Stoneham  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The Spiritual Forest: Timeless Jewish Wisdom for a Healthier Planet and a Richer Spiritual Life by Andy Becker  
Tree of Life Publishing

Finalist  
Winks from Above: Opening Up to Signs and Synchronicities to Receive Little Miracles Each Day by Liliane Fortna  
Capucia

## **Sports**

**Winner**  
**The Race Against Time: Adventures in Late-Life Running by Richard Askwith**  
**Yellow Jersey Press**

Finalist  
Analysis of Genuine Karate 2: Socio-Cultural Development, Commercialization, and Loss of Essential Knowledge by Hermann Bayer, Ph.D.  
YMAA Publication Center

Finalist  
Breaking Through: The Secrets of Bassai Dai Kata by Colin Wee  
Moosul Publishing, LLC

Finalist  
My Life in Winters: The Extraordinary Tale of One Man's Journey Through the Rise of the Ski Industry by Mike Ewing  
7th Mind Publishing

Finalist  
The Things He Could Have Been: Stories of Babe Ruth by W. Nikola-Lisa  
Gyroscope Books

Finalist  
Wing Chun In-Depth: Skills for Combat, Strategies for Life by Munawar Ali Karim and Loukas Kastrounis  
YMAA Publication Center

## **Travel: Guides & Essays**

**Winner**  
**Exploring Wine Regions: California Central Coast by Michael C. Higgins, PhD**  
**International Exploration Society**

Finalist  
Spotting Danger for Travelers: Build Situational Awareness to Keep Safe While Traveling by Gary Quesenberry, Federal Air Marshall (Ret.)  
YMAA Publication Center

Finalist  
Tent for Seven: A Camping Adventure Gone South Out West by Marty Ohlhaut and Gracy Ly  
Sandra Jonas Publishing

Finalist  
The Twenty: One Woman's Trek Across Corsica on the GR20 Trail by Marianne C. Bohr  
She Writes Press

Finalist  
The White House: Visitor's Guide by The White House Historical Association  
The White House Historical Association

Finalist  
Traveling Different: Vacation Strategies for Parents of the Anxious, the Inflexible, and the Neurodiverse by Dawn M. Barclay  
Rowman & Littlefield

Finalist  
Wanderlust: Extraordinary People, Quirky Places, and Curious Cuisine by Karen Gershowitz  
She Writes Press

## **True Crime Nonfiction**

**Winner**  
**Behold the Monster: Confronting America's Most Prolific Serial Killer by Jillian Lauren**  
**Sourcebooks**

Finalist  
On the Rocks by Maria C. Palmer and Ruthie Robbins  
Koehler Books

Finalist  
Shattered Dreams: A Three-Pronged Injustice by Pam Trainor  
HNR Press

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The Man Who Hacked the World: A Ghostwriter's Descent into Madness with John McAfee by Alex Cody Foster  
Turner Publishing

## **Women's Issues / Women's Studies**

**Winner**  
**She Who Wins: Ditch Your Inner Good Girl, Overcome Uncertainty, and Win at Your Life**  
**by Renee Bauer**  
Horse World



## Grand World

Finalist

I Wish I'd Known: 10 Ways to Break Ancestral Patterns, Free Yourself from the Past, and

Manifest Your Dreams by Sarah Vie  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Root, Rise, Roar by Dawn King  
Muse Literary

Finalist

The Power of PR Parenting by Marjie Hadad  
Muse Literary

Finalist

The Science of Getting Rich for Women by Sara Connell  
Muse Literary

Finalist

Women Are Superior To Men: The REAL Secret to a Fantastic Marriage, Joyful Parenting & Better Sex! by Dr. Ricky Arenson  
New Insights Press

Finalist

Women in Politics: Breaking Down the Barriers to Achieve True Representation by Mary Chung Hayashi  
MKC Press

## Young Adult Nonfiction

**Winner**

**Good Morning, Hope: A True Story of Refugee Twin Sisters and Their Triumph over War, Poverty, and Heartbreak by Argita and Detina Zalli**  
Sandra Jonas Publishing

Finalist

History According to SAT: A Content Guide to SAT Reading and Writing by Elizabeth Breau, Ph.D.  
Prep for Success, LLC

Finalist

SQL Quest: A Journey Through Data by Neha Saini  
Independently Published

Finalist

The C.A.P.E. Crusade: Your Guide to a Great College Application Personal Essay by Billy Lombardo  
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