

Congratulations to all of the Winners & Finalists of the 2025 American Legacy Book Awards!
—Full Results Listing by Category—
All Finalists are of equal merit, listed alphabetically.

Adventure: General

Winner

The Crow's Nest by Richard Meredith

Moonshine Cove Press

Finalist

Echoes of Fortune: The Search for Braddock's Lost Gold by David R. Leng

Amazon KDP Finalist

Opposite of Collision by Richard M. Timberlake

Palmetto Publishing

Finalist

The Deadly Genesis File: Book One of The Cold Warrior Trilogy by Ron Thomas

Quest Omnimedia

Finalist

The Lost River: Anompolichi II by Phillip Carroll Morgan

White Dog Press

Finalist

The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor by D.R. Berlin

Outskirts Press

Finalist

Valkyrie: Guardians of the Lost by C.M. Maggiano & M.A. Maggiano

Ingram Spark

Adventure: Historical

Winner

The Outcasts by Kathleen Kent

Little Brown & Co.

Finalist

Counter Point by Laura Rodley

Prolific Press

Finalist

The Blade of Safavid by Kent Merrell

J Remington Press

Adventure: War & Military

Intrepid Spirit by David Tunno

The Wild Rose Press

Finalist

A Beautiful Glittering Lie: A Novel of the Civil War by J.D.R. Hawkins

Independently Published

African American Fiction

Winner

Cotton Club Princess by Karla Diggs

Waldorf Publishing

Finalist

Rock 'n Fire: A Novel by Mark Stallard

Kaw Valley Books

Anthologies: Nonfiction

Winner

Cries from the Walls: Hell in Arkansas Prisons by Van Hawkins

Writers Bloc

Art

Winner

The Art and History of Steinbach Nutcrackers: An Inside Look at the World's Best Nutcrackers by

Rich West

Independently Published

Finalist

Stratford Gems by Heidi Sander

Blue Moon Publishers

Autobiography/Memoir

Winner

Running from the Mirror: A Memoir by Howard Shulman

Sandra Jonas Publishing

Finalist

Blackwildgirl: A Writer's Journey to Take Back Her Superpower by Menah Pratt, JD, PhD.

She Writes Press

Finalist

Grace and Grit: How I Won My Fight at Goodyear and Beyond by Lilly Ledbetter with Lanier Isom

Penguin Random House

Finalist

Our Song: A Memoir of Love and Race by Lynda Smith Hoggan

She Writes Press

Finalist

The Preventorium: A Memoir by Susan Annah Currie

University Press of Mississippi

Finalist

Unlimited Heart: How To Transform Your Pain Into Purpose by Jim Kaveney

Ideapress Publishing

Best Cover Design: Adult Fiction

Winner

SNIFF: Book 1 of The Sniff, Smoke, Shoot Series by GC Brown

Story Merchant

Finalist

A Clique To A Cult by Justin Foster

Palmetto Publishing

Raptor's Kiss by Lois Jaye

Palmetto Publishing

Finalist

The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor by D.R. Berlin

Outskirts Press

Best Cover Design: Children's Fiction

Winner

Miss Dorothy's Garden: 9 BEE Attitudes to Grow By by Gwendolyn Faye

Myriad Press

Finalist

Frankie the Ferret by Kimberley Paterson

Friesen Press

Best Cover Design: Nonfiction

Winner

Good Influence: How to Engage Influencers for Purpose and Profit by Paul M. Katz

Commit Media Books

Finalist

Growing Up Aspen - Adventures of the Unsupervised by Andy Collen, Dean Jackson, Chris Pomeroy, Lo

Semple

Twist and Turn Press

Best Interior Design

Winner

German Heritage Baking, Volume I: Time-Honored Recipes, Traditional Techniques, and Culinary Secrets by Heidrun Metzler

Metzler Books

Best Fiction

Winner

This Scorched Earth by William Gear

Forge Books

Finalist

Slaying Paradise: Legend of The Iron Warrior Vol. 1 by T.V. Holiday

Amazon Kindle Direct

Finalist

The Conquest of Liberty by Kent Merrell

J Remington Press

Finalist

Wreck & Return: An EMT's Journey Into and Out of Darkness by Tom Kranz

Independently Published

Best Nonfiction

Winner

Grace and Grit: How I Won My Fight at Goodyear and Beyond by Lilly Ledbetter with Lanier

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Penguin Random House

Finalist

Duty Calls: Lessons learned from an Unexpected Life of Service by Antonia C. Novello and Jill S. Tietjen Fulcrum Publishing

Finalist

Elk Love: A Montana Memoir by Lynne Spriggs O'Connor

She Writes Press

Biography: General

Winner

Otis W. Leader: The Ideal American Doughboy by Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer

Chickasaw Press

Finalist

Madge: The life and times of Madge Oberholtzer, the young Irvington woman who brought down D.C.

Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan by Charlotte Halsema Ottinger

NCSA Literatur for the Irvington Historical Society

Finalist

The Girl In The Dream by Mary Baldini Olson

Independently Published

Finalist

Whitlock's Compositions by Charlene Hampton Holloway

Dorrance Publishing Company

Business: Careers

Winner

What Lights You Up?: Illuminate Your Path and Take the Next Big Step in Your Career by Mary Olson-Menzel

Wiley; 1st edition

Finalist

Listen to Sell: How Your Mindset, Skillset, and Human Connections Unlock Sales Performance by Mike Esterday and Derek Roberts

Page Two Books

Finalist

Your Grass is Greener: Use What You Have. Get What You Want. At Work and In Life. by Jason Silver Ideapress Publishing

Business: Communications/Public Relations

Winner

The Power of Conscious Connection: 4 Habits to Transform How You Live and Lead by Talia Fox Ideapress Publishing

Finalist

"Can We All Just Get Along?" - Rodney King: Courageous Communication: A Return to Civility by

Diana Peterson-More

Independently Published

Finalist

Good Influence: How to Engage Influencers for Purpose and Profit by Paul M. Katz

Commit Media Books

Finalist

Make Every Podcast Want You: How to be so Radically Interesting You'll Barely Keep from Interviewing

Yourself by Kimberly Spencer Communication Queens LLC

Finalist

The Oratory Project by Matt Eventoff

Speak with Style Books

Finalist

The Powerful Publicity Prescription: Harness the Power of Public Relations to Become a Sought-After

Global Industry Expert by Lilian Sue

In Retrospect Writing Services

Business: Entrepreneurship & Small Business

Winner

Non-Obvious Thinking: How to See What Others Miss by Rohit Bhargava and Ben duPont Ideapress Publishing

Course Design Formula: How to Teach Anything to Anyone Online by Rebecca Frost Cuevas

Learn and Get Smarter, Inc.

Finalist

THE BLUEPRINT: Starting a Successful Business by Kevin Barnicle

Kev Vie Publishing

Finalist

The Start-up Puzzle: How-to create a successful new business venture by Robert van Pappelendam

Mindstir Media

Business: Management & Leadership

Winner

The Ethical Imperative: Leading with Conscience to Shape the Future of Business by Andrew C. M.

Cooper

Wiley; 1st edition

Finalist

Coaching for (a) Change: How to Engage, Empower, and Activate People by Greg Giuliano

Wren House Press

Finalist

Lead Like an Editor: Hire Passionate Teams, Tell Stories That Inspire, and Build Brands People Love by

Victor Maze

Be Amazed Media

Finalist

Listen to Sell: How Your Mindset, Skillset, and Human Connections Unlock Sales Performance by Mike

Esterday and Derek Roberts

Page Two Books

Finalist

The Illusion of Innovation: Escape "Efficiency" and Unleash Radical Progress by Elliott Parker

Ideapress Publishing

Business: Marketing & Advertising

Winner

Good Influence: How to Engage Influencers for Purpose and Profit by Paul M. Katz

Commit Media Books

Finalist

Make Every Podcast Want You: How to be so Radically Interesting You'll Barely Keep from Interviewing

Yourself by Kimberly Spencer

Communication Queens LLC

Business: Motivational

Winner

Dare to Be Naïve: How to Find Your True Self in a Noisy World by Joshua Berry

Ideapress Publishing

Business: Personal Finance/Investing

Winner

Retirement Money Secrets: A Financial Insider's Guide to Income Independence by Steve Selengut

RIC LLC

Finalist

Do Good While Doing Well: Invest for Change, Reap Financial Rewards, and Increase Your Happiness

by Marcia Dawood

Amplify Publishing

Finalist

The Wealth Elevator: Real Estate Syndications, Accredited Investor Banking, and Tax Strategies for First-

Gen Millionaires by Lane Kawaoka

FI FOR THE WORTHY LLC

Business: Reference

Winner

The Innovative Guide to Fashion and Beauty by Murielle Gagne

RedCallas

Business: Sales

Winner

Listen to Sell: How Your Mindset, Skillset, and Human Connections Unlock Sales Performance by

Mike Esterday and Derek Roberts

Page Two Books

Business: Technology

Winner

Prompting Originality: The A.I. Handbook for Humans by Norty Cohen and Delaney Ehrhardt

Ideapress Publishing

Business: Writing & Publishing

Winner

Poetry For Beginners by Margaret Chapman, Kathleen Welton, and Reuben Negrón (Illustrator)

For Beginners

Children's Educational

Winner

Sheep Care: Numbers by Anne Catharine Blake

Birdtree Press

Children's Fiction

Winner

Buster the Brave by Carla Crane Osborne

Gona Publishing

Finalist

The Golden Ring by Theresa Gatien

Page Turner

Children's Mind/Body/Spirit

Winner

Sheep Share: Emotions by Anne Catharine Blake

Birdtree Press

Children's Nonfiction

Winner

Sammy's Voyage to a New Home: True Adventures of a Small Cat Finding His Place in a Big World

- Ages 4 to 8 by Debra Siraco and Zareen Wilhelm

BrainBloom

Finalist

Ambitious Archie: Building a Legacy Through Acts of the Heart by Tevin Ali & Tania Shindo-Henderson

Talk With Tevin LLC

Finalist

The Obamas: A Lift-the-Flap Book by Violet Lemay

duopress

Children's Novelty & Gift Book

The Obamas: A Lift-the-Flap Book by Violet Lemay

duopress

Finalist

Melk, The Christmas Monkey by Katie Hornor

Independently Published

Finalist

Sheep Sleep: Colors by Anne Catharine Blake

Birdtree Press

Children's Picture Book: Hardcover Fiction

Winner

Uno Más, One More: A Latino Retelling of an Old Scottish Ballad by Silvia López Little Brown & Co.

Finalist

A New Home for Grayce by Vikki Lynn Smith

Blue Dragon Publishing

Finalist

Cake, Lemonade, and Sprinkles by Aishah Hight

Cellar of Purple

Finalist

Miss Dorothy's Garden: 9 BEE Attitudes to Grow By by Gwendolyn Faye

Myriad Press

Finalist

Pablo's Pandemic by Alissha and Taissha Greer

Gatekeeper Press

Finalist

Sheep Lost: Opposites by Anne Catharine Blake

Birdtree Press

Finalist

When Leaf Let Go by Angie Marie Carlson

LIVE to LEARN Books

Children's Picture Book: Softcover Fiction

Winner

Cake, Lemonade, and Sprinkles by Aishah Hight Cellar of Purple

Finalist

Buster the Brave by Carla Crane Osborne

Gona Publishing

Finalist

Frankie the Ferret by Kimberley Paterson

Friesen Press

Finalist

One Grain of Sand by Ruthie Godfrey

Ruthie Godfrey Books, LLC

Finalist

Tripod by Michael Beckerman & George Beckerman

Independently Published

Children's Picture Book: Softcover Nonfiction

Winner

Why? by Elena Kayne

Elena Berdine

Lady Lyrebird by Donna L. Huntriss

Blurb Books

Children's Religious

Winner

A Kids Book About Diwali by Chhavi Arya Bhargava A Kids Co.

Finalist

Melk, The Christmas Monkey by Katie Hornor

Independently Published

Finalist

Mouse Malachi Discovers Hanukkah by Dreama Archibald

End Game Press

Finalist

Mouse Malachi Discovers the Sabbath by Dreama Archibald

End Game Press

Christian Inspirational: Fiction

Winner

Yorkshire Lass by J. Carol Nemeth

Forget Me Not Romances, an imprint of Winged Publications

Finalist

Changing Tides by Sue A. Fairchild

Elk Lake Publishing, Inc.

Finalist

Ehldaivehn by Laurie E. Hoppe-Ringer

Trilogy Christian Publishing

Finalist

Mountain of Peril, Faith in the Parks Book 1 by J. Carol Nemeth

Winged Publications

Finalist

Once Upon a Cove Christmas by Maryann Ridini Spencer

Santa Rosa Press

Finalist

Runaway by C.A. Simonson

CAS Publications

Finalist

There Will Your Heart Be by Susan Marie Graham

Independently Published

College Guides

Winner

A Guide to Future Planning for Young Adults: Strategies for Navigating the Path to Career,

Education, and Life Success with Ease by H.F. Sullivan

Independently Published

Coming of Age

Winner

Worldwide Crush: A Novel by Kristin Nilsen

SparkPress

Finalist

A Glass of Crazy by Tina Laningham

All That Is Hidden by Laura DeNooyer-Moore

Lighthouse Publishing

Finalist

Canoedling in Cleveland, A Novel by Richard Morris

Square Deal Books

Finalist

Chula the Fox by Anthony Perry

White Dog Press

Cookbook: General

Winner

Cooking for Halflings & Monsters: 111 Comfy, Cozy Recipes for Fantasy-Loving Souls by Astrid

Tuttle Winegar Multitudes Press

Finalist

A Year of Comfy, Cozy Soups, Stews and Chilis: Cooking for Halflings & Monsters, Volume 2 by Astrid

Tuttle Winegar

Multitudes Press

Cookbook: International

Winner

German Heritage Baking, Volume I: Time-Honored Recipes, Traditional Techniques, and Culinary

Secrets by Heidrun Metzler

Metzler Books

Cross-Genre Fiction

Winner

And All of Us Were Actors, a Century of Light and Shadow by Gustavo Gac-Artigas, translated by

Andrea G. Labinger

Ediciones Nuevo Espacio

Finalist

SNIFF: Book 1 of The Sniff, Smoke, Shoot Series by GC Brown

Story Merchant

Finalist

The Widow's Savoir by Ian Griffin

Independently Published

Education/Academics

Winner

The Ethnographer's Way: A Handbook for Multidimensional Research Design by Kristin Peterson

& Valerie Olson

Duke University Press

Finalist

Course Design Formula: How to Teach Anything to Anyone Online by Rebecca Frost Cuevas

Learn and Get Smarter, Inc.

Finalist

This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths, and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk

Students* by Donna Duke

Optimiste Publications

Family Saga

Winner

A Glass of Crazy by Tina Laningham

Mother Material by Doretta Warnock

Independently Published

Finalist

Secrets to the Wind by Jeanne Gehret

Verbal Images Press

Fantasy: Epic/High Fantasy

Winner

High Priestess and Empress, Book Two, Arcana Oracle Series by Susan Wands

SparkPress

Fantasy: General

Winner

Vork Chronicles Welcome to Superhero School by Gracie Dix

Toast Industries

Finalist

Druids of the Faerie, Gather the Champions Book One & Two by Lewis G. Gazoul

Page Publishing

Finalist

Mission: Soul Sacrifice by William Fietzer

Cactus Moon Publications, LLC

Finalist

Pilgrimage of the Faerie, Book Three by Lewis G. Gazoul

Page Publishing

Finalist

The Kings' Assassin by Ed Cannon

XlibrisUS

Finalist

The Watchers, Knight of Light by Deirdra Eden

Rogue Matter - Los Angeles

Fantasy: Historical

Winner

The Legend of Mulberry School by Eric T. Reynolds

Hadley Rille Books

Finalist

Animal Revolution: General Jack and the Battle of the Five Kingdoms #5 by David Bush

Independently Published

General Fiction

Winner

The Boarding House by Sharon Sala

Bell Bridge Books

Finalist

At the Altars of Money by Graydon Dee Hubbard

Fithian Press

Finalist

Blue Hill by G. Wayne Miller

Crossroad Press

Finalist

Skeleton in Bone Creek: A Nash Running Bear Mystery by Baer Nmi Charlton

Mordant Media

Finalist

Through the Dark by Brandon Daily

ABC Group Documentation

TIKI MAN by Thomas M. Atkinson

Regal House Publishing

Finalist

Wreck & Return: An EMT's Journey Into and Out of Darkness by Tom Kranz

Independently Published

Health: Aging/50+

Winner

Not Pausing, Redefining Women After Forty by Ariela Nerubay Turndorf

Manuscripts

Health: Alternative Medicine

Winner

Spiritual Sugar: The Divine Ingredients to Heal Yourself With Love by Lisa Manyon

Write On Creative Publishing

Health: Cancer

Winner

Taming Cancer: 21st Century Medicine and the Future of Cancer Medicine by Drew N. Kelner,

Ph.D.

BioCentury Press

Health: Death & Dying

Winner

Grief & Loss Guided Journal by Heidi Sander

Blue Moon Publishers

Health: Diet & Exercise

Winner

To Your Health: A Lifestyle of Health, Happiness, and Confidence by Esther Avant

Muse Literary

Health: General

Winner

If You'd Only Listen: A Medical Memoir of Gaslighting, Grit & Grace by Rosie Sorenson, MA,

MFT

Daffodil Productions

Finalist

Grief & Loss Guided Journal by Heidi Sander

Blue Moon Publishers

Health: Psychology/Mental Health

Winner

Interpersonal Psychoanalytic Theory for the 21st Century: Evolving Self by Janet R. Mayes, Sue Harris, David Singer and Marilyn Miller

Lexington Books / Rowman & Littlefield / Bloomsbury

Finalist

An Island I Don't Want to Be On: Surviving the Riptide of Bipolar Disorder by W. Hector Rivera Volossal Publishing

Finalist

The Good Daughter Syndrome: Help for Empathic Daughters of Narcissistic, Borderline, or Difficult Mothers Trapped in the Role of the Good Daughter by Katherine Fabrizio

Makers Mark Press

Yes, I Took My Meds: A Memoir by Ahiddibah Tsinnie

Independently Published

Health: Women's Health

Winner

In The Pink: A Breast Cancer Survivor's Guide to a Healthier Life by Laurie M. Hatch, RD

Food is Medicine RD LLC

Historical Fiction

Winner

This Scorched Earth by William Gear

Forge Books

Finalist

Cotton Club Princess by Karla Diggs

Waldorf Publishing

Finalist

Little Bird by Mary Ruth Barnes

White Dog Press

Finalist

Running As Fast As I Can by John David Graham

Don Quixote Press, LLC

Finalist

Vermilion Harvest: Playtime at the Bagh by Reenita M. Hora

Indignor House, Inc.

Finalist

What Once Was Promised by Louis Trubiano

Mindstir Media

History: General

Winner

Lead, Follow, or Fail: The Human Struggle for Productivity, and how Nations, Organizations, and People will Prosper in our Changing World by Peter J. Brews

Ideapress Publishing

Finalist

Plowing New Ground: The Southern Tenant Farmers Union and its Place in Delta History by Van

Hawkins Donning Co.

History: Military

Winner

Sea Pay: An Enlisted Man's Naval Adventure by Bob Dorgan

Koehler Books

Finalist

B. I. A. P. Baghdad International Airport by Brian L. Gordon

Independently Published

Finalist

Duty Bound: The Hyatt Brothers and Confederates of the Third Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Army of

Northern Virginia, CSA by Van Hawkins

Arkansas State University Press

Finalist

Fair Winds, Following Seas, and a Few Bolters by Stephen C. McKenna

Koehler Books

Finalist

Otis W. Leader: The Ideal American Doughboy by Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer

Chickasaw Press

Steel Soldier: Guadalcanal Odyssey by James J. Messina and Charles Messina

Koehler Books

History: United States

Winner

One Nation Under Blackmail: The sordid union between Intelligence and Organized Crime that gave rise to Jeffrey Epstein - Volume 1 by Whitney Webb

TrineDay

Finalist

A New Deal in Dyess: The Depression Era Agricultural Resettlement Colony in Arkansas by Van

Hawkins Writers Bloc Finalist

Delaware from Freeways to E-Ways: First State, Solid-State by Dave Tabler

Independently Published

Finalist

One Nation Under Blackmail: The sordid union between Intelligence and Organized Crime that gave rise to Jeffrey Epstein - Volume 2 by Whitney Webb

TrineDay Finalist

The Illustrated Delaware River: The History of a Great American River by Hal Taylor

Schiffer Publishing

Holidays: Fiction

Winner

Once Upon a Cove Christmas by Maryann Ridini Spencer

Santa Rosa Press

Finalist

A Child's Dream Santa's Parking Ticket & an Empty Sled by Anita Yates

Appalachian Ace

Finalist

Mouse Malachi Discovers Hanukkah by Dreama Archibald

End Game Press

Finalist

Mouse Malachi Discovers the Sabbath by Dreama Archibald

End Game Press

Finalist

The Gingerbread Games by Kerri Lane Mariano

Genesis Publishing House

Finalist

The Santasical World of Traveling Santa: A Journey to Christmas Treasures by Lara Simone

Mindstir Media

Finalist

The Taste of Snow by Stephen V. Masse

Good Harbor Press

Home & Garden

Winner

Bigger Living, Smaller Space: Resizing for a Clean & Cozy Home by Judy Granlee-Gates

Red Thread Books

Horror: General

Winner

Something in the Blood by H. H. Mika

Dark Night of The Soul by Debra Zannelli

Ebookbakery Books

Finalist

Raptor's Kiss by Lois Jaye

Palmetto Publishing

Horror: Occult

Winner

A Clique To A Cult by Justin Foster

Palmetto Publishing

Horror: Paranormal/Supernatural

Winner

Moonrise by M.J. Claiborne

Moonrise Publishing

Finalist

Elizabeth's Journey by Tom Mayer

Amazon

Finalist

Mission: Soul Sacrifice by William Fietzer

Cactus Moon Publications, LLC

Finalist

Traces of Mary by G. Wayne Miller

Crossroad Press

Finalist

Wild Justice: Book 2 of the Wild Series by C. Fern Cook

Muddy Mutts Publishing

Humor/Comedy/Satire

Winner

Spike Unleashed: The Wonder Dog Returns by Bill Boggs

Post Hill Press

Finalist

Growing Up Aspen - Adventures of the Unsupervised by Andy Collen, Dean Jackson, Chris Pomeroy, Lo

Semple

Twist and Turn Press

Finalist

Naughty Nonsense, Lascivious Limericks and Much More by David Ellis

Xlibris AU

Finalist

The Older You Get the Shorter Your Stories Should Be by Robert R. Bowie Jr.

Salt Water Media

Inspirational Fiction

Winner

Forging Your Inner Diamond: A Story of Transforming Your Breakdowns into Your

Breakthroughs by Tevin Ali

Talk With Tevin LLC

Finalist

A Reluctant Santa: A story about Christmas and beyond by Anthony de la Torre

EDK Books and Distribution, LLC

Finalist

Through a Dark Valley by Sherye S. Green

Scriptoria Press, an imprint of Sunbury Press, Inc.

Juvenile Fiction

Winner

Sarah Gene-ius Discovery by Sallana Brown

SunGate Publishing

Finalist

Maxzyne Goes Aquamarine by Caroline Lee

Pendant Press

Finalist

The More the Merrier: A Multi-Sensory Musical Journey Offering an Interactive and Fun Way for Kids to

Learn About Diversity and Inclusion by Meridith Taylor Strout

Stride Publishing

LGBTQ+ Fiction

Winner

The Liberators of Willow Run by Marianne K. Martin

Bywater Books

Finalist

The Hummingbird Lullaby by Kirsten Miles

The Elite Lizzard Publishing Company

Finalist

The Lunasole Class by Stephanie Laterza

Alien Buddha Press

Literary Fiction

Winner

This Scorched Earth by William Gear

Forge Books

Finalist

Beloved Mother by Laura Hunter

Bluewater Publishers

Finalist

Guesthouse for Ganesha, a novel by Judith Teitelman

She Writes Press

Finalist

Remember This by Steve Adams

University of Wisconsin Press

Finalist

Running As Fast As I Can by John David Graham

Don Quixote Press, LLC

Finalist

The Truthful Story by Helen Stine

Cardinal Press

Military Fiction

Winner

Forgotten Soldiers: What Happened to Jacob Walden by Warren Martin

Little Elephant Publishing

Finalist

A Beckoning Hellfire: A Novel of the Civil War by J.D.R. Hawkins

Independently Published

Finalist

Cologne No. 10 for Men, A Novel by Richard Morris

iUniverse

The Veteran by Dustin Carter Independently Published

Multicultural Fiction

Winner

Miss del Rio: A Novel by Bárbara Mujica

Graydon House; Original Edition

Finalist

MetalGhost: Kashif and the Echoes from a Past Life by Ali Mohammad Rizwan

Global Bookshelves International

Finalist

No Borders for Truth by Martin Brown

Austin Macauley Publishers

Finalist

Puerto Rican Love Stories by C.P. Florez

Outskirts Press

Finalist

Scarlet Yearnings: Stories of Love and Desire by Scarlet Ibis James

DKJ Enterprises LLC

Finalist

The Ghosts of Other Immigrants: Stories by Maija Mäkinen

New American Press

Multicultural Nonfiction

Winner

Duty Calls: Lessons learned from an Unexpected Life of Service by Antonia C. Novello and Jill S. Tietjen

Fulcrum Publishing

Finalist

Immigrant Concepts: Life Paths to Integration by Joachim O. F. Reimann, Ph.D. & Dolores I. Rodríguez-Reimann, Ph.D.

Romo Books

Finalist

Still The Soul Survives: A Journey of Compassion, Memory and Self-Discovery by Pamela Goldstein

Unbreakable Bindings

Finalist

This Way to Hope: The Challenges, Hard Truths, and Triumphs of Working with Critically At-Risk

Students* by Donna Duke Optimiste Publications

Mystery/Suspense: Cozy Mysteries ("Cozies")

Winner

Death by G-String: A Coyote Canyon Ladies Ukulele Club Mystery by C.C. Harrison

Written Dreams Publishing

Finalist

Grand Theft Death by Ann Philipp

Salty Sister Publishers

Finalist

No Fault of Her Own by Cheryl Martin

Writeway Publishing

Finalist

The Zucchini Fairy Murder by Ann Philipp

Salty Sister Publishers

Mystery/Suspense: General

Dark Rhapsody by Helaine Mario

Oceanview Publishing

Finalist

Between Lies and Revenge by Hannah D. Sharpe

Rising Action Publishing

Finalist

Down to the Needle by Mary Deal

Next Chapter

Finalist

Dreams and Illusions: A Gabrielle Dorian Mystery by Rebecca Olmstead

Thunder and Fire Press

Finalist

Long Branch: Never Let the Truth Stand in the Way of a Good Story by Dan Ramm

Calico Sky Entertainment Inc.

Finalist

The Sometime Sister by Katherine Nichols

Black Rose Writing

Mystery/Suspense: Hard-Boiled/Crime

Winner

Dark Power: A Jamaica Biltmore Novel by Tom Greco

Independently Published

Finalist

Floki: A Mystery Novel (Floki series) by Paul B. Bergquist

Independently Published

Finalist

Justice Rules by Thomas White

Independently Published

Mystery/Suspense: Historical

Winner

The Old Cape House by Barbara Eppich Struna

B. E. Struna Books

Finalist

Last Known Port: A Southern Mystery by Sue Anger

Dorrance Publishing Company

Mystery/Suspense: Procedurals (police or scientific investigation)

Winner

Skeleton in Bone Creek: A Nash Running Bear Mystery by Baer Nmi Charlton Mordant Media

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Finalist

Raven's Grave by Charlotte Stuart

Vine Leaves Press

Finalist

The Chambers Files by Charles R. Rogers

Christian Faith Publishing

Mystery/Suspense: Romantic Suspense

Winner

Bottled Lightning by L.M. Weeks South Fork Publishers; 1st edition

Nonfiction: Creative

The Non-Obvious Guide to Drawing Your Future: Solve Problems, Explain Ideas, Sell Anything by Patti Dobrowolski

Ideapress Publishing

Finalist

Fortune's Favored Child by Raouf Mama

Northwestern University Press

Finalist

Waiting for the Revolution: Cuba: The Unfinished Journey by Gustavo Gac-Artigas, translated by Andrea

G. Labinger

Ediciones Nuevo Espacio

Finalist

Wanna Peek Into My Notebook? Notes on Pinay Liminality by Barbara Jane Reyes

Paloma Press

Nonfiction: Cross-Genre

Winner

Deep Utopia: Life and Meaning in a Solved World by Nick Bostrom

Ideapress Publishing

Finalist

A Decade in Gloucester: Reflections on History and Home by Laura Plummer

Independently Published

Finalist

It Wasn't Easy, But I Made It by Paul Tennant

Independently Published

Finalist

Lying Down with Dogs by Linda Caradine

Unsolicited Press

Finalist

Taboo: Stories That Can't Be Told by Sierra Melcher and others

Red Thread Books

Nonfiction: General

Winner

Little Boy, I Know Your Name: A Second-Generation Memoir from Inherited Holocaust Trauma by Mitchell Raff

River Grove Books

Finalist

And Goliath: The Littlest Navy SEAL's Inspirational Story About Living Your Biggest Life by David

Brown with Robert Gettlin Double Dagger Books Ltd

Finalist

Madge: The life and times of Madge Oberholtzer, the young Irvington woman who brought down D.C.

Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan by Charlotte Halsema Ottinger

NCSA Literatur for the Irvington Historical Society

Finalist

Poetry For Beginners by Margaret Chapman, Kathleen Welton, and Reuben Negrón (Illustrator)

For Beginners

Finalist

Stories from the Heart: Lions Serving the World One Person at a Time by Robert S. Littlefield

AuthorHouse

Nonfiction: Inspirational

Winner

Blackwildgirl: A Writer's Journey to Take Back Her Superpower by Menah Pratt, JD, PhD.

She Writes Press

Never Give Up: Break the Connection Between Stress and Illness by Alexis Acker-Halbur

Independently Published

Finalist

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