THE USA “BEST BOOKS 2004” AWARDS

ANTHOLOGY
Winner  The Spring of Nine Hazels Edited by Kathleen Cunningham Guler

ARTS
Winner  Saints of the Pueblos by Charles M. Carrillo

AUDIOBOOK – ADULT NON-FICTION
Winner  Sound Selling Audiobook by Collins Educational

AUTOBIOGRAPHY/BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIRS
Winner  Stolen Hours by John Howard Prin
Honorable Mention  Escape in Iraq: The Thomas Hamill Story by Thomas and Paul T. Brown
Honorable Mention  A Very Good Year by Larry Cuocci
Finalist  Pursuit of Freedom by Susanne M. Reyto
Finalist  Skinny Tan & Rich: Unveiling the Myth by Maryanne Comaroto
Finalist  Through My Ears Into My Soul by Christa L. Bissell
Finalist  Ao Dai: My War, My Country, My Vietnam by Xuan Phuong and Daniele Mazingarbe
Finalist  Berkeley in the Barnyard by H.E. Stewart

BUSINESS
Winner  China in Motion: 17 Secrets to Slashing the time to Production, Market, Profits in China, Japan and South Korea by Mia Doucet
Honorable Mention  The PayPal Wars by Eric M. Jackson
Finalist  Managing with Conscience for Competitive Advantage by Pete Geissler
Finalist  The Six Sigma Path to Leadership by David H. Treichler
Finalist  Pioneers and Plodders: The American Entrepreneurial Spirit by Robert C. Baron
Finalist  Marketing to Seniors by Michael C. Walker

CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOK
Winner  We Share One World by Jane E. Hoffelt, Illustrated by Marty Husted
Honorable Mention  Simon and The Sock Monster Written and Illustrated by Kathryn Otoshi
Honorable Mention  The Adventures of Melon and Turnip by Trisha Adelena Howell, Illustrated by Paul Lopez
Finalist  One Bug Hug by Shirley Hillard
Finalist  The Legend of Katama by Stacy Elizabeth Hall, Illustrated by Jannette Vanderhoop
Finalist  The Lost Kachina by Heather Irbinskas, Illustrated by Robert Albert
Finalist  A Mother’s Promise by Lisa Humphrey, Illustrated by David Danioth
Finalist  The Adventures of Midas and the Little Red Airplane by Uncle Ted Afetian, Illustrated by Eddie Young
CHILDREN’S NON-FICTION
Winner Û фThe Crazy Kids Guide to Cooking for Your Pet ф by Barbara and Missy Denzer

COOKBOOKS
Winner Û фThe Garden of Eating: A Produce-Dominated Diet and Cookbook ф by Rachel Albert-Matesz and Don Matesz
Honorable Mention Û фRoux to Go: The Art of Cooking in Southeast Louisiana ф by the Junior League of Greater Covington
Honorable Mention Û фCelebrate the Rain: Cooking with the Fresh and Abundant Flavors of the Pacific Northwest ф by the Junior League of Seattle
Finalist Û фBeach Appetit ф by the Junior League of the Emerald Coast
Finalist Û фMad About Food ф by the Junior League of Madison
Finalist Û фGrand Temptations: Delightful Diversions from the Great Lakes State ф by the Junior League of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Finalist Û фClassic Southwest Cooking ф by Sheryn R. Jones
Finalist Û фClassic Tex-Mex and Texas Cooking ф by Sheryn R. Jones

EDUCATION/ACADEMIC
Winner Û фDear Dr. Fisch ф Children's Letters to a Holocaust Survivor ф
Finalist Û фPermission to Forget ф by Lee Jenkins

GARDENING/AGRICULTURE
Winner Û фMy Green Thumb ф by Gail Holmen

GENERAL FICTION
Winner Û фThe Portal ф by Keith White
Finalist Û фCuba ф by Emily Barr
Finalist Û фThe Piano Teacher ф by Lynn York
Finalist Û фWaiting for White Horses ф by Nathan Jorgenson
Finalist Û фWeekend in Paris ф by Robyn Sisman
Finalist Û фBillie’s Ghost ф by Chad Hautmann

GIFT BOOKS
Winner Û фMama Says ф by Maria L. Valdemi
Finalist Û фMy Very Wanted Child ф by Ginny Lapporte

HEALTH
Winner Û фBalanced Healing ф by Larry Altshuler, M.D.
Finalist Û фThe Maker ф Diet ф by Jordan S. Rubin
Finalist Û фOur Final Diet ф by Abby Aronowitz
Finalist Û фPregnancy and Oral Health ф by Sheila Wolf

HISTORY/POLITICAL
Winner Û фTrue Lies ф by Anthony Lappe and Stephen Marshall
Finalist Û фThe Great California Story ф by Carl Palm
HOBBY/CRAFTS/HOW-TO
Winner ñ Buy Your Home Smarter with Feng Shuið by Holly Ziegler

HUMOR
Winner ñ Food Court Druids, Cherohonkees, And Other Creatures Unique to the Republic® by Robert Lanham
Finalist ñ The Book of Bunny Suicides® by Andy Riley
Finalist ñ How to Be a Superhero® by Doctor Metropolis

MULTICULTURAL
Winner ñ Travels to Northern India ñ Jaipur® by Travel CDZ Inc.

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE
Winner ñ X® by Louise Gaylord
Finalist ñ Murder® Technically® by Steven J. Sokkal, Ph.D.
Finalist ñ McLeary’s Mulligan® by Bridget Bell Webber

PARENTING/FAMILY
Winner ñ Be a Parent not a Pushover® by Maryann Rosenthal, Ph.D.
Finalist ñ Realizing the Power of Love® by V. Michael Santoro and Jennifer S. Santoro
Finalist ñ Child Friendly Divorce® by Diane M. Berry
Finalist ñ When Divorce Consumes the Maternal Instinct® by Robin R. Allen
Finalist ñ Understanding Your Newborn & Infant® by Mary Ann LoFrumento
Finalist ñ Keepers of the Children® by Laura M. Ramirez

POETRY
Winner ñ Living with What Remains® by Judith Deem Dupree
Finalist ñ Celebrity Poems & Memoirs® by Leila Duchesne
Finalist ñ A Poetry Break® by Kay Day

PROFESSIONAL
Winner ñ The Frugal Book Promoter® by Carolyn Howard-Johnson

PSYCHOLOGY/SELF-HELP
Winner ñ Personal Village® by Marvin Thomas
Honorable Mention ñ Are You Fit to Love?® by Allie Ochs
Honorable Mention ñ Working On Your Relationship Doesn’t Work® by Ariel and Shya Kane
Finalist ñ 65 Days of Coaching® by Rachelle Disbennett-Lee
Finalist ñ Be Nice (Or Else!)® by Winn Claybaugh
Finalist ñ Too Young to Retire® by Marika and Howard Stone
Finalist ñ Straight Talk For Men About Marriage® by Martin G. Friedman
Finalist ñ Building a Life of Value® by Jason A. Merchey

RECREATION/SPORTS
Winner ñ Complete Guide to Saltwater Fishing® by Al Ristori
Finalist — The Essential Guide to Geocaching by Mike Dyer
Finalist — Dr. Divot's Guide to Golf Injuries by Larry Foster, M.D.

REFERENCE
Winner — The Shorter Encyclopedia of Real Estate Terms by Damien Abbott

RELIGION
Winner — Praying in the Word of God by Kathleen G. Grant
Finalist — Above the Clouds by Mike Moeller
Finalist — Bright Dawn by S.K. Kubose

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT
Winner — The Hidden Messages in Water by Masaru Emoto
Honorable Mention — Essential Environments by Jamie Quinn

SPIRITUALITY/NEW AGE
Winner — Alters of Power and Grace by Robin and Michael Mastro
Finalist — The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss by James W. Kemp
Finalist — Animals and the Afterlife by Kim Sheridan
Finalist — The Power of Divine by Tiffany Snow
Finalist — Gifts for an Abundant Life by Diane Harmony
Finalist — A Pace of Grace by Linda Kavelin Popov

TRAVEL GUIDES
Winner — Eccentric America by Jan Friedman
Finalist — Disneyland Detective by Kendra Trahan
Finalist — Travels to Northern India — Agra by Travel CDZ Inc.
Finalist — Drive I-95 by Stan Posner and Sandra Phillips-Posner

TRAVEL ESSAY
Winner — Are We There Yet? by Scott Haas

TRUE CRIME
Winner — The Pied Piper of South Shore by Caryn Lazar Amster
Finalist — Ma Duncan by Jim Barrett

YOUNG ADULT FICTION
Winner — Starlight Shines for Miranda by Janet Muirhead Hill, Illustrated by Pat Lehmkuhl

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION
Winner — If You Could Be Anything, What Would You Be? by Jeanne Webster
Finalist — Yes, Your Parents Are Crazy! by Michael J. Bradley