THE 15TH ANNUAL BEST BOOK AWARDS
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Full Results Listing by Category

Congratulations to all of the Winners & Finalists
of the 2018 Best Book Awards.

All Finalists are of equal merit, listed alphabetically.

Animals/Pets: General

Winner
The Many Adventures of Bruiser The Jack Russell Terrier by David Rodriguez, III
Halo Publishing International

Finalist
Animal Rescuers by Chien James Ma
Robertson Publishing

Finalist
Persayus of Winston Island by Taylor Jordon
Lulu Publishing Services

Finalist
Poor Teddy: The True Story of a Poodle Named after a Noodle byLisa DePriest, illustrated by Ignacio G.
Pet Rescue Books

Finalist
Sadie Sees Trouble by Linda Jarkey, illustrated by Julie Jarkey-Kozlowski
Linda Jarkey Communications LLC
Animals/Pets: Narrative Non-Fiction

Winner
Let's Git Outta Here: How rescue-transport saved the lives of thousands of pets yearly in a small and struggling rural shelter by Kate J. Kuligowski
The Guys' Publishing Company

Finalist
Hey! Whose Park IS This? by Marcia Lee
Evolutionary Publishing

Finalist
Sirius, The Hero Dog of 9/11 by Hank Fellows
9/11 Songs and Books

Finalist
The Amazing Afterlife of Animals: Messages and Signs from our Pets on the Other Side by Karen A. Anderson
Painted Rain Publishing

Finalist
The Reluctant Farmer of Whimsey Hill by Bradford M. Smith with Lynn Raven & Nany Raven Smith
Whimsey Wylde

Finalist
Welcome Home by Nathan & Jennifer Winograd
Almaden Books

Anthologies: Non-Fiction

Winner
Privilege Through the Looking-Glass by Patricia Leavy
Sense Publishers

Finalist
50 Blades of Hay: The Incredible Experiences of Our Horse and Their Riders by Linda Watson-Call
Independently Published
Finalist
Dream Leaders: Insights on Community Service and Leadership by Thomas Smith
Alternate Publishing

Finalist
Handbook of Arts-Based Research edited by Patricia Leavy
Guilford Press

Finalist
She Can Find Her Way: Women Travelers at Their Best edited by Ann Starr
Upper Hand Press

Finalist
Wild, Wonderful 'n Wacky, South Cackalacky: True Stories about Life in South Carolina, compiled and edited by Sandy Richardson and Susan Doherty Osteen
Southern Sass Publishing Alliances

Art

Winner
Cast: Art and Objects Made Using Humanity's Most Transformational Process by Jen Townsend and Renée Zettle-Sterling
Schiffer Publishing

Finalist
Dance Across The USA by Jonathan Givens
EPS Publishing

Finalist
Handbook of Arts-Based Research edited by Patricia Leavy
Guilford Press

Finalist
Selected Early Creative Works: A Memoir by Donald M. Ferguson
AuthorHouse
Finalist
Too True: Essays on Photography by K.B. Dixon
Inkwater Press

Autobiography/Memoir

Winner
Another Kind of Madness: A Journey through the Stigma and Hope of Mental Illness by Stephen P. Hinshaw
St. Martin's Press

Finalist
Deep South Dispatch: Memoir of a Civil Rights Journalist by John N. Herbers with Anne Farris Rosen
University Press of Mississippi

Finalist
Defying the Verdict: My Bipolar Life by Charita Cole Brown
Curbside Splendor Publishing

Finalist
Destroying Their God: How I Fought My Evil Half-Brother to Save My Children by Wallace Jeffs, Shauna Packer, and Sherry Taylor
Zarahemla Books

Finalist
I'm the One Who Got Away: A Memoir by Andrea Jarrell
She Writes Press

Finalist
The Perpetual Motion Machine by Brittany Ackerman
Red Hen Press

Finalist
Waking Up Safer? An Anesthesiologist's Record by Beren Mets
Silverwood Books
**Best Cover Design: Fiction**

**Winner**
Life & Spice by Myers and Reed
Tributes Press

**Finalist**
Beneath the Bedrock by Julien Bradley
Wise Ink Creative Publishing

**Finalist**
Ground Zero: Patient Zero, Book 1 by Adrianne Lemke
CreateSpace

**Finalist**
Once Upon a Key: Across the Verge to Faerie by Jan J. Love
Mystic Artistic Publishing

**Finalist**
The Chosen Ones by Lisa Luciano
Micro Publishing Media

**Best Cover Design: Non-Fiction**

**Winner**
A Year of Living Kindly: Choices That Will Change Your Life and the World Around You by Donna Cameron
She Writes Press

**Finalist**
50 Ways to Love Wine More: Adventures in Wine Appreciation by Jim Laughren
Crosstown Publishing

**Finalist**
Dragonfly Notes: On Distance and Loss by Anne Panning
Stillhouse Press
Finalist
Official Residences Around the World by Abby Clouse-Radigan
The White House Historical Association

Finalist
The Amazing Afterlife of Animals: Messages and Signs from our Pets on the Other Side by Karen A. Anderson
Painted Rain Publishing

Finalist
The Tell Me More Gesture: How & Why to Welcome Conflict by Janet W. Rowles
Out-and-Out Press

Best Interior Design

Winner
CWS Publishing

Finalist
50 Ways to Love Wine More: Adventures in Wine Appreciation by Jim Laughren
Crosstown Publishing

Finalist
Perfectly Aged: 40 Years of Recipes and Stories from the Taste of Texas by Nina J. Hendee, Edd C. Hendee, Lisa Hendee Blackard, Kristin Hendee Blackford, and Corbin Blackford
Taste of Texas

Finalist
Princess Sophie and the Six Swans: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm retold and illustrated by Kim Jacobs
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom

Finalist
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom
Finalist
The Rock Maiden: A Chinese Tale of Love and Loyalty by Natasha Yim, illustrated by Pirkko Vainio
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom

**Best New Fiction**

Winner
The Cast by Amy Blumenfeld
Spark Press

Finalist
A Hero Dreams by Mark Ristau
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist
A Shadow Away by Joan K. Lacy
AlazoPress, Inc.

Finalist
Billy Gogan, American by Roger Higgins
Solas House

Finalist
Elevation by Samantha Connor
Self-Published

Finalist
Fortitude Rising: Volume One of the Magical Bond Series by A.M. Bochnak
Mad Goat Press

Finalist
Love After Life by Richard Sieg
Self-Published
**Best New Non-Fiction**

**Winner**
The Tell Me More Gesture: How & Why to Welcome Conflict by Janet W. Rowles
Out-and-Out Press

**Finalist**
113 Days by Bradley Good
CreateSpace

**Finalist**
Dragonfly Notes: On Distance and Loss by Anne Panning
Stillhouse Press

**Finalist**
Live Ablaze: And Light Up the World by Sarah Davison-Tracy
Ignite Publishers

**Finalist**
Living on Automatic: How Emotional Conditioning Shapes Our Lives and Relationships by Homer B. Martin, MD and Christine B.L. Adams, MD
Praeger, an imprint of ABC-Clio, Inc.

**Finalist**
The Patient Paradigm Shifts by Judy L. Chan
Business Expert Press

**Biography: General**

**Winner**
CWS Publishing

**Finalist**
Call Me Phaedra: The Life and Times of Movement Lawyer Fay Stender by Lise Pearlman
Regent Press
Finalist
Jack Lord: An Acting Life by Sylvia D. Lynch
McFarland & Company

Finalist
My Dearest Minnie by Ruth C. Chapman
Self-Published

Finalist
The Celebrated Marquis: An Italian Noble and the Making of the Modern World by John D. Bessler
Carolina Academic Press

**Business: Careers**

Winner
Peer Coaching at Work: Principles and Practices by Polly Parker, Douglas T. Hall, Kathy E. Kram, and Ilene C. Wasserman
Stanford Business Books

Finalist
Be More Strategic in Business: How to Win through Stronger Leadership and Smarter Decisions by Diana Thomas & Stacey Boyle
Mango Publishing

Finalist
Lessons From My Grandfather: Wisdom For Success in Business and Life by Marc Demetriou
Highpoint Life

Finalist
The MECE Muse: 100+ Selected Practices, Unwritten Rules, and Habits of Great Consultants by Christie Lindor
SDP Publishing

Finalist
Morgan James
**Business: Entrepreneurship & Small Business**

Entrepreneur Press

Finalist
Competing with Giants by Phuong Uyen Tran
ForbesBooks

Finalist
Expensive Sentences: Debunking the Common Myths that Derail Decisions and Sabotage Success by Jack Quarles
IdeaPress Publishing

Finalist
Find Your Fierce: Answering Your Soul's Call to Purpose, Power & Profit by Nicole Roberts Jones
Purposely Created

Finalist
To: The Ambitious, From: The Experienced | 26 Letters on Leadership by A. Jordan Fischette
Paddle Boat Printing

**Business: General**

Winner
The Best Team Wins: The New Science of High Performance by Adrian Gostick & Chester Elton
Simon and Schuster

Finalist
Expensive Sentences: Debunking the Common Myths that Derail Decisions and Sabotage Success by Jack Quarles
IdeaPress Publishing

Finalist
Needy People: Working Successfully with Control Freaks and Approval-holics by Dale J. Dwyer
KDP
Finalist
Outside Insight: Navigating a World Drowning in Data by Jorn Lyseggen
IdeaPress Publishing

**Business: Management & Leadership**

Winner
The Content Trap: A Strategist's Guide to Digital Change by Bharat Anand
Random House

Finalist
A Quarter Million Steps: Creativity, Imagination & Leading Transformative Change by Anthony Paustian, Ph.D.
Bookpress Publishing

Finalist
Ego Free Leadership: Ending the Unconscious Habits that Hijack Your Business by Brandon Black and Shayne Hughes
Greenleaf Book Group Press

Finalist
Growing Weeders Into Leaders: Leadership Lessons from the Ground Up by Jeff McManus
Morgan James

Finalist
Match in The Root Cellar: How You Can Spark A Peak Performance Culture by Chris McGoff
ForbesBooks

Finalist
Problem Solved: A Powerful System for Making Complex Decisions with Confidence and Conviction by Cheryl Strauss Einhorn
Career Press

**Business: Personal Finance/Investing**

Winner
Retire Securely: Insights on Money Management from an Award-Winning Financial Columnist by Julie Jason
Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.
Finalist
Death of the Dinosaur: How Wall Street Has Changed and Where it is Headed by Jory Berkwits
Atlantic Publishing

Finalist
Entrepreneur Press

Finalist
The Employee Millionaire: How to Use Your Day Job to Become a Millionaire with Rental Properties by H.J. Chammas
Partridge Publishing Singapore

**Business: Reference**

Winner
The Ultimate Presentation Roadmap: How to Write for the Right Audience and Present with Confidence by Kelli Y. Stonework
Kelli Y. Stonework

Finalist
The Compliance Handbook by Thomas Fox
Compliance Week

Finalist
The Dark Science of Logical Fallacies by Kazi Khurram
Independently Published

**Business: Sales**

Winner
Close Deals Faster: The 15 Shortcuts of the Asher Method by John Asher
Ideapress Publishing

Finalist
Wise Eyes by Christine Beckwith
Manifest Publishing
**Business: Writing & Publishing**

**Winner**
The Byline Bible: Get Published in 5 Weeks by Susan Shapiro
Writer's Digest Books

**Finalist**
Rut-Busting Book for Writers by Nancy Christie
Mill City Press

**Children's Educational**

**Winner**
Never Rub Noses With a Narwhal: An Alliterative Artic ABC Book by Ruth Wellborn, illustrated by Morgan Wellborn
Friesen Press

**Finalist**
Come With Me, Together We'll See the Beauty of Hawaii by Jeannie & Madison Fung, illustrated by Patty Nunn Iba
CreateSpace

**Finalist**
Deputy Paws and the Puppy Mill Cause by Peggy Race, illustrated by Mike Motz
CreateSpace

**Finalist**
Dr. Brainchild & Radar: A Popcorn Discovery by Cole W. Williams, illustrations by Laura Acosta
Burning Belly Press

**Finalist**
K.C. & Kayla's Science Corner: "Matter! What's the MATTER?" by Carol Basdeo, illustrated by Roualdo Mena, Jr.
Mindstir Media

**Finalist**
No Head Fred Said: Stay Safe by Stephanie Keegan
Page Publishing
**Children's Fiction**

**Winner**
The Crowns of Croswald by D.E. Night
Stories Untold, LLC

**Finalist**
Dilby R. Dixon's The Dilbonary by Tony J. Perri
Vertical Turtle Publishing, LLC

**Finalist**
Fairday Morrow and the Talking Library by Jessica Haight & Stephanie Robinson, illustrated by David SanAngelo
Willow Press

**Finalist**
Once Upon a Key: Across the Verge to Faerie by Jan J. Love
Mystic Artistic Publishing

**Finalist**
One Chance by Sarah Frank
BeaLu Books

**Finalist**
The Adventures of Seymour & Hau: Italy by Melanie Morse & Thomas McDade, illustrations by John Soleas & Jon Westwood
Honey + Punch

**Finalist**
The Collapsing Kingdom by Benjamin Ellefson, illustrated by Kevin Cannon
Beaver's Pond Press

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

**Winner**
Finding Your Fit: A Kid to Kid Guide to Fitness, Food, and Feelings by Kimberly and Gabby King, illustrated by Darcey Shumaker
Koehler Books
Finalist
Beauty Is by Kristi Eddy, illustrated by Deni Nugroho
Zamiz Press

Finalist
Birth of an Angel by Petra Malinova, illustrated by Tze-Chiang Lim
Mascot Books

Finalist
Edward the White Goose by Francie Aguilera, illustrations by Katia Goa
Lollipop Books, San Francisco, CA

Finalist
If Roses Were Blue by Debbie Jenae
Inspired 101

Finalist
No Head Fred Said: Get Healthy by Stephanie Keegan
Page Publishing

Finalist
What Is Shalom? by A. Gabriella Reid
Archway Publishing

Children's Non-Fiction

Winner
The White House Easter Egg Roll: A History for All Ages by Jonathan Pliska, illustrated by John Hutton
The White House Historical Association

Finalist
Fredrick the Butterfly by Karen Ann Smythe
Self-Published

Finalist
Singing Bird: A Child's Story by Naej, illustrator Natalya Kharitonova
CreateSpace
Finalist  
Sirius, The Hero Dog of 9/11 by Hank Fellows  
9/11 Songs and Books

Finalist  
The Legend of Dragon Lake by Elizabeth Walker and Maung Nyeu  
Our Golden Hour

Finalist  
Up From Slavery Children's Edition: Growing Booker by Erica Washington McDonald, illustrated by Jeremy Tyree Hughes  
Outskirts Press

**Children's Novelty & Gift Book**

Winner  
The Grow & Glow Candle by Amy Goff Bonini & Lisa Anne Kleine, illustrated by William Keller  
Potthast  
Self-Published

Finalist  
Little Brother's Temper Tantrums by Mary Esparza-Vela, illustrated by Mike Motz  
Luv-Beams

Finalist  
Sadie Sees Trouble by Linda Jarkey, illustrated by Julie Jarkey-Kozlowski  
Linda Jarkey Communications LLC

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

Winner  
Unwind Up, Up, and Away! by Christopher Gates, illustrated by Javier Ratti  
Auspicious Ambitions

Finalist  
Blueberry Bear: A Furry Friends Tale by Eileen Pieczonka, illustrated by Romi Caron  
Blueberry Bear Tales
Finalist
Mommy Eats Fried Grasshoppers by Vilayvanh Bender, illustrated by Nor Sanavongsay
Sahtu Press

Finalist
Mori’s Family Adventures by Geiszel Godoy & David Lenormand
Black Sands Entertainment

Finalist
Princess Sophie and the Six Swans: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm retold and illustrated by
Kim Jacobs
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom

Finalist
Reindolphins: A Christmas Tale by Kevin J. Brougher, illustrated by Lisa Santa Cruz
Missing Piece Press, LLC

Finalist
The Trouble in Tune Town by Maura Pierlot, illustrated by Sophie Norsa
Little Steps Publishing

**Children's Picture Book: Hardcover Non-Fiction**

Winner
Saving Streak: A SeaWorld Rescue Story by Cheryl Filipak
Yorkshire Publishing

Finalist
Pepe Learns to Run Again: An Inspirational True Story by Christina Potter, illustrated by Creative Illustrations Studio
Dog Hair Press

Finalist
Through the Eyes of Priya by Carole Davey, illustrated by Deborah Henning
Tadorna Press
Children's Picture Book: Softcover Fiction

Winner
Light in the Enchanted Forest by Kristen Walton, illustrated by Andrew Rodgers
Balboa Press

Finalist
Brave & Strong All Day Long by Elizabeth Mary Cummings, images by Johanna Roberts
EC Press

Finalist
Dinner on the Door Step by Elizabeth Mary Cummings, pictures by Bronte Goodieson
EC Press

Finalist
Eva Meets Dr. Mac by Tracy Hughes
Eva's Adventures

Finalist
Grandparent's Day by Pamela Traynor, illustrated by Tanja Russita
PAAT Productions

Finalist
Kid Astronaut by Laura Knight
Friendly Planet Club

Finalist
Mystery in Hong Kong: The Case of the Disappeared Dumplings by WC Jefferson
Toucan Publishing

Finalist
Poky, the Turtle Patrol by Diana Kanan, illustrated by Krystal & Krystel Olino
DLK Publishing

Children's Picture Book: Softcover Non-Fiction

Winner
Come With Me, Together We'll See the Beauty of Hawaii by Jeannie & Madison Fung, illustrated by Patty Nunn Iba
CreateSpace
Finalist
I've Got Dibs!: A Donor Sibling Story by Amy Dorfman, illustrated by Darren Goldman
With An X Press

Finalist
Never Rub Noses With a Narwhal: An Alliterative Artic ABC Book by Ruth Wellborn, illustrated by Morgan Wellborn
Friesen Press

Finalist
The Illustrated Alphabet of Things That Go! By Eve Heidi Bine-Stock
CreateSpace

Children's Religious

Winner
Talking to God: Prayers for Children from the World's Religions by Demi
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom

Finalist
In Jesus' Name by Nicole Ivory, illustrations by Mike Motz
Leviya Publishing

Finalist
The Animals Knew Him by Julie Latzke

Finalist
The Blessed Bananas by Tayyaba Syed, illustrated by Melani Putri
Prolance

Finalist
The Garden of My Heart by Jeannie Lerch, illustrated by Nancy Munger
Fruitbearer Publishing LLC

Finalist
The Little Vessel by LeighAnne Clifton
**Cookbooks: General**

**Winner**
Perfectly Aged: 40 Years of Recipes and Stories from the Taste of Texas by Nina J. Hendee, Edd C. Hendee, Lisa Hendee Blackard, Kristin Hendee Blackford, and Corbin Blackford
Taste of Texas

**Finalist**
50 Ways to Love Wine More: Adventures in Wine Appreciation by Jim Laughren
Crosstown Publishing

**Finalist**
Magic City Cravings: The Most Requested Recipes from Birmingham Restaurants — Then & Now by Martie Duncan and Chanda Temple
Advanced Central Services Southeast

**Cookbooks: International**

**Winner**
The Fearless Kitchen by Vanessa Baxter
Bateman

**Cookbooks: Regional**

**Winner**
Magic City Cravings: The Most Requested Recipes from Birmingham Restaurants — Then & Now by Martie Duncan and Chanda Temple
Advanced Central Services Southeast

**Finalist**
Perfectly Aged: 40 Years of Recipes and Stories from the Taste of Texas by Nina J. Hendee, Edd C. Hendee, Lisa Hendee Blackard, Kristin Hendee Blackford, and Corbin Blackford
Taste of Texas
**Current Events**

Winner  
Look What Dragged the Cat In: The Rise of the Opioid Crisis by Scott Stevens  
Booklocker

**Education/Academic**

Winner  
Handbook of Arts-Based Research edited by Patricia Leavy  
Guilford Press

Finalist  
Gathering Voices: Creating a Community-Based Poetry Workshop by Marty McConnell  
YesYes Books

Finalist  
4PrivacyMatters

Finalist  
Privilege Through the Looking-Glass by Patricia Leavy  
Sense Publishers

Finalist  
The Art of Appraisal: Effective Tools and Streamlined Processes to Boost Teacher Performance by Barbara D. Culp, Ed.D.  
Roman & Littlefield

**Fiction: African-American**

Winner  
The Caged Butterfly by Marian L. Thomas  
L.B. Publishing

Finalist  
A Slave of the Shadows by Naomi Finley  
Huntson Press Inc.
Finalist
Almost 30 by Victoria Kent
TMD Publishing

Finalist
Round 'Bout Midnight by Trevy A. McDonald
Reyomi Publishing, LLC

Finalist
Sidelined: The Penalty by Bianca Williams
Bianca Williams Books

Finalist
Sister Nadeen's Ways by Felicia Brookins
Tandemlight Press

Finalist
Wisdom Seeds by Patrice Wade Johnson
Urban Press

**Fiction: Anthologies**

Winner
Mysteries of the Ozarks, Vol. V compiled by Jane Shewmaker Hale
Goldmines

Finalist
Mumbai Matinee by Ajay Kaul
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Hanging Man and Other Stories by Susan Buffum
Susan Buffum

**Fiction: Chick Lit/Women's Lit**

Winner
After the Dam by Amy Hassinger
Red Hen Press
Finalist
A Woman's Work by Marilyn R. Colter
Colterworks LLC

Finalist
Finding Dreams by Lauren Westwood
Aria

Finalist
The Cast by Amy Blumenfeld
Spark Press

Finalist
The Gifts of Pelican Isle by Padgett Gerler
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Season of Silver Linings by Christine Nolfi
Lake Union Press

Finalist
Thread for Pearls: A Story of Resilient Hope by Lauren Speeth
Elfenworks Productions, LLC

Fiction: Cross Genre

Winner
The Bone Curse by Carrie Rubin
Science Thrillers Media

Finalist
49 Buddhas: Lama Rinzen in the Hell Realm by Jim Ringel
Black Bee Publishing

Finalist
A Promise Given by Michelle Cox
She Writes Press
Finalist
Miraculum Monstrum by Kathline Carr
Red Hen Press

Finalist
The Composer's Legacy by Michael DeStefano
Page Publishing

Finalist
THE CONTRACT between heaven and earth by John W. Howell and Gwen M. Plano
Keewaydin Lane Press

Finalist
The Smallest Thing by Lisa Manterfield
Steel Rose Press

**Fiction: Fantasy**

Winner
The Engine Woman's Light by Laurel Anne Hill
Sand Hill Review Press

Finalist
Code Deco by G. Darwin
Beuro Books

Finalist
Gift of the Shaper by D.L. Jennings
Indigo River

Finalist
Madness of My Dreams by Charles Carfagno, Jr.
Waid Books, A Division of Community Arts Ink

Finalist
Portals in Time: The Quest for Un-Old-Age by John Joseph Teressi
High Castle Publishing

Finalist
Reality: The Struggle for Sternessence by Daniel A. Liut
BQB Publishing
Finalist
Red Dragon's Keep by Natli VanDerWerken
Zenith Star Publishing

**Fiction: General**

Winner
The Ploy by Marilyn Jax
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist
Father Divine's Bikes by Steve Bassett
Book Baby

Finalist
I'm So Fine: A List of Famous Men & What I Had On by Khadijah Queen
YesYes Books

Finalist
The Curse of the Bridal Chamber: An Imogene and the Boys Novel by Hunter Murphy
Rolltop Publishing

Finalist
The Love Fool by Lorenzo Petruzziello
Quill / Inkshares

Finalist
Tiger Drive by Teri Case
BZCE Publishing

Finalist
Weather Woman by Cai Emmons
Red Hen Press

**Fiction: Historical**

Winner
Amah and the Silk-Winged Pigeons by Jocelyn Cullity
Inanna Publications
Finalist
An Appointed Time by James Redfearn
Olde Stoney Brook Publishing

Finalist
Beguiled, a Novel by Karma Kitaj
Koehler Books

Finalist
Blackbeard: The Birth of America by Samuel Marquis
Mount Sopris Publishing

Finalist
Brother Daniel's Good News Revival by Bruce Joel Brittain
Koehler Books

Finalist
I am Mrs. Jesse James by Pat Wahler
Blank Slate Press

Finalist
Thread for Pearls: A Story of Resilient Hope by Lauren Speeth
Elfenworks Productions, LLC

**Fiction: Horror**

Winner
Crone: A Witch's Tale by Jae Mazer
Feathered Tentacle Press

Finalist
Iron Dogs by Neil Chase
Abbott Press

Finalist
Mortal Foe by Marty Roppelt
Dragon Breath Press
Finalist
The Last Odinian by Alec Arbogast
Ink Smith Publishing

Fiction: Inspirational

Winner
Mary Poser by Angel A
Angel's Leap Pty Ltd

Finalist
A Child of Arthur by Lee Kessler
Brunnen Publishing

Finalist
A Western Beauty: Colorado - 1879 by Ruth Trippy
Mill City Press

Finalist
Angel Blessings—Believe by Patty Callahan
Balboa Press

Finalist
Fallen: The Adventures of Deep Water Leaf by Claire M. Perkins
Sojourn Publishing, LLC

Finalist
Jesse Sings: Searching for Family by Victor Hess
Victor Hess

Finalist
Worthy by Judy Salz
Hardway Press

Fiction: LGBTQ

Winner
Now I'm Here by Jim Provenzano
Beautiful Dreamer Press
Finalist
Fragments by Maloose
Friesen Press

**Fiction: Literary**

**Winner**
The Loss of All Lost Things by Amina Gautier
Elixir Press

Finalist
Good Neighbors by Joanne Serling
Twelve/Grand Central Publishing

Finalist
Just Like February by Deborah Batterman
Spark Press

Finalist
Kinship of Clover by Ellen Meeropol
Red Hen Press

Finalist
Mrs Saville by Ted Morrissey
Twelve Winters Press

Finalist
NoBody Knows How It Got This Good by Amos Jasper Wright
Livingston Press, University of West Alabama

Finalist
Perfect Conditions: Stories by Vanessa Blakeslee
Curbside Splendor Publishing

**Fiction: Multicultural**

**Winner**
The Fall and Rise of Champagne Sánchez by Rudy J. Miera
Floricanto Press
Finalist
Black Hearts White Minds by Mitch Margo
Mission Possible Press

Finalist
Hairway to Heaven Stories by Patty Somlo
Cherry Castle Publishing

Finalist
Moments in Transition: Stories of Maya and Jeena by Neerja Raman
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Prototype by Sam Mitani
Waldorf Publishing

Finalist
The Tribal Case by Theresa M. Janson
Red Garnet Press, LLC

Finalist
The Vines We Planted by Joanell Serra
Wido

**Fiction: Mystery/Suspense**

Winner
Dark Rhapsody by Helaine Mario
Oceanview Publishing

Finalist
Black Hearts White Minds by Mitch Margo
Mission Possible Press

Finalist
Last Seen, A Dr. Pepper Hunt Mystery by J.L. Doucette
She Writes Press

Finalist
Manuscript for Murder by Jessica Fletcher and Jon Land
Berkley
Finalist
The Burial Place by Larry Enmon
Crooked Lane Books

Finalist
The Forgotten Child by Donald Levin
Poison Toe Press

Finalist
The Moving Blade by Michael Pronko
Raked Gravel Press

Fiction: New Age

Winner
TUNING IN: A Novel by Richard Roberts
Highcrest Books

Finalist
12 Minutes by Robert Akers
Mystic Artistic Publishing

Finalist
Ground Zero: Patient Zero, Book 1 by Adrianne Lemke
CreateSpace

Finalist
SarayBooks LLC

Finalist
Returning Souls by Ernestine B. Colombo
Soujourn Publishing, LLC

Finalist
The Dreaming Road by Elizabeth Moore
Turning Stone Press

Finalist
Vagrant: The Vagrant Chronicles by Gabe Thompson
Tell-Tale Publishing

Fiction: Novelette

Winner
A Playful Journey by Katherine Kobey
Stories from the Heart Media

Finalist
Get In The Ring by L. Garvey Thomas
Red Dashboard, LLC

Fiction: Novella

Winner
Whiskey Devils by Brandon Zenner
Amazon Digital Publishing

Finalist
Finding Alma: An Italian Journey by Alice M. Manica
CreateSpace

Finalist
Meera Rising by Nandita Chakraborty
Busy Bird Publishing

Finalist
Rosemary's Retribution by Nandita Chakraborty
Busy Bird Publishing

Finalist
Ryan's Wish by Savanna Esker
Newman Springs Publishing

Finalist
The Hunger Saint by Olivia Kate Cerrone
Bordighera Press

Finalist
When Otters Play: A Milford-Haven Story by Mara Purl
Bellekeep Books

**Fiction: Religious**

*Winner*
The Transmigrant by Kristi Saare Duarte
Conspicuum Press

*Finalist*
Abby Wize: AWAY by Lisa B. Godward
Gewarding, LLC

*Finalist*
Anchored By Death by Catherine Finger
Elk Lake Publishing

*Finalist*
A Promise to Azfal by Peter Teixeira
Newman Springs Publishing

*Finalist*
Sanctuary: A Legacy of Memories by T.M. Brown
Palmetto Publishing Group

*Finalist*
The Promised One: The Chalam Færytales by Morgan G. Farris
Minor 5 Publishing

**Fiction: Romance**

*Winner*
Aphrodite’s Tears by Hannah Fielding
London Wall Publishing

*Finalist*
A Promise Given by Michelle Cox
She Writes Press

*Finalist*
Eden’s Fall by KR Brorman, CC Cedras and SA Young
Stilettos Stoli & Scribbles
Finalist

Expecting to Fly: New Wings by Christy Smith
PenaKluppi Press/CreateSpace
Finalist

Midnight Crossing, A Novel by Diane Shute
She Writes Press
Finalist

Roxie & Fred by Richard Alther
Regent Press
Finalist

Storm at Keizer Manor by Ramcy Diek
Acorn Publishing, LLC

**Fiction: Science Fiction**

Winner

TUNING IN: A Novel by Richard Roberts
Highcrest Books

Finalist

51: The Beginning by Liz Reeder
Archway Publishing

Finalist

Creation Abomination by Alan W. Thompson
Alan W. Thompson

Finalist

Fortitude Rising: Volume One of the Magical Bond Series by A.M. Bochnak
Mad Goat Press

Finalist

The Sasquatch Murder (A Love Story) by Jeffery Viles
Beaver's Pond Press
Finalist
Time Is Irreverent by Marty Essen
Encante Press, LLC

Finalist
Vagrant: The Vagrant Chronicles by Gabe Thompson
Tell-Tale Publishing

**Fiction: Short Story**

Winner
The Loss of All Lost Things by Amina Gautier
Elixir Press

Finalist
3 Women, 4 Towns, 5 Bodies & Other Stories by Townsend Walker
Deeds Publishing

Finalist
Bigfoots in Paradise by Doug Lawson
Red Hen Press

Finalist
Perfect Conditions: Stories by Vanessa Blakeslee
Curbside Splendor Publishing

Finalist
Roses Are Red, Violets Are Stealing Loose Change from My Pockets While I Sleep by David S. Atkinson
Literary Wanderlust

Finalist
Wild Things by Jaimee Wriston Colbert
BkMk Press

Finalist
World Gone Missing by Laurie Ann Doyle
Regal House Publishing
**Fiction: Thriller/Adventure**

**Winner**
The Bone Curse by Carrie Rubin
Science Thrillers Media

**Finalist**
Code for Murder by Eliot Parker
Black Rose Writing

**Finalist**
Cold Spot by Lou Berthelson
CreateSpace

**Finalist**
Covert Existence: The Station by Braedan Lalor
Creative Conflict Publishing

**Finalist**
Full Breach by N. Lawrence Mann
NLM LLC

**Finalist**
Silent Survivor by Deborah Shlian
Akeso Press

**Finalist**
The After War by Brandon Zenner
Amazon Digital Publishing

**Fiction: Visionary**

**Winner**
49 Buddhas: Lama Rinzen in the Hell Realm by Jim Ringel
Black Bee Publishing

**Finalist**
12 Minutes by Robert Akers
Mystic Artistic Publishing

**Finalist**
A Hero Dreams by Mark Ristau
Beaver's Pond Press

Finalist
Ancient Souls by Marianne Bissett
Amazon Digital Publishing

Finalist
Creation Abomination by Alan W. Thompson
Alan W. Thompson

Finalist
Goddess of the Wild Thing by Paul DeBlassie III
Hallowed Realms Press

Finalist
TUNING IN: A Novel by Richard Roberts
Highcrest Books

**Fiction: Western**

Winner
Armed Men and Armadillos by John Earl Sharp
Dog Ear Publishing

Finalist
An American in California by Peter Kazaks
Sunstone Press

Finalist
Cowboys, Bulls & Thorns: A Texas Ranch Romance by Genie Clark
Genie Clark

**Fiction: Young Adult**

Winner
The Leaving Year, a novel by Pam McGaffin
Spark Press

Finalist
Colliding Skies by Debbie Zaken
Oftomes Publishing

Finalist
Death by the River by Alexandrea Weis and Lucas Astor
Vesuvian Books

Finalist
Jaclyn and the Beanstalk by Mary Ting
Vesuvian Books

Finalist
Orville Mouse and the Puzzle of the Last Metephonium by Tom Hoffman
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Breedling & the City in the Garden by Kimberlee Ann Bastian
Wise Ink Creative Publishing

Finalist
The Stronghold by Sebastian Bendix
Fire and Ice Young Adult and New Adult Books, an imprint of Melange Books, LLC

Health: Addiction & Recovery

Winner
Paradigm Change: The Collective Wisdom Of Recovery by L. Georgi DiStefano, LCSW
Montezuma Publishing

Finalist
Look What Dragged the Cat In: The Rise of the Opioid Crisis by Scott Stevens
Booklocker

Finalist
Overdose: Letters from Dad by Jack Dison
Outskirts Press

Health: Aging/50+

Winner
How the Wild Effect Turned Me into a Hiker at 69: An Appalachian Trail Adventure by Jane Congdon
Bettie Youngs Books

**Health: Alternative Medicine**

Winner
Intestinal Health: A Practical Guide to Complete Abdominal Comfort by Mardell Hill
Rowman & Littlefield

Finalist
Combat Low Back Pain by Dr. Karin Drummond
Blooming Ink Publishing, LLC

**Health: Cancer**

Winner
pHood For Life: How These Natural Methods Healed Me from Cancer by Jenny Magnusson
Lulu Publishing Services

**Health: Death & Dying**

Winner
Comfort for Grieving Hearts: Hope and Encouragement in Time of Loss by Gary Roe
Healing Resources Publishing

Finalist
Dying Well: Our Journey of Love and Loss by Susan Ducharme Hoben
Canton Press/Susan Ducharme Hoben

Finalist
Embracing Life from Death: A Caregivers Journey Through Glioblastoma, Grief and Healing by
Anitra Marie Simmons
Archangel Ink

Finalist
Letters from the Love Room: Mapping the Landscape of Loss by Corinne Martin
Made for Wonder Publishing
Finalist
Prayer is Good: A Path from Grief to Peace by Brette Petway
Prayer is Good, LLC

Health: Diet & Exercise

Winner
Food Sanity: How to Eat in a World of Fads and Fiction by Dr. David Friedman
Turner Publishing

Finalist
15 Steps to Healthy Living by Dr. Gordon Fimreite
Washington Suite Publishing

Finalist
Combat Neck Pain by Dr. Karin Drummond
Blooming Ink Publishing, LLC

Finalist
Couch to Active by Lyn Lindbergh
Lyn Lindbergh

Health: General

Winner
Mind To Matter: The Astonishing Science of How Your Brain Creates Material Reality by Dawson Church
Hay House

Finalist
Food Sanity: How to Eat in a World of Fads and Fiction by Dr. David Friedman
Turner Publishing

Finalist
Intestinal Health: A Practical Guide to Complete Abdominal Comfort by Mardell Hill
Rowman & Littlefield

Finalist
Physician: How Science Transformed the Art of Medicine by Rajeev Kurapati, MD
Health: Psychology/Mental Health

Winner
It's Not Always Depression: Working the Change Triangle to Listen to the Body, Discover Core Emotions, and Connect to Your Authentic Self by Hilary Jacobs Hendel, LCSW
Spiegel & Grau, an imprint of Random House

Finalist
A to Z Healing Toolbox: A Practical Guide for Navigating Grief and Trauma with Intention by Susan Hannifin-MacNab
Wise Ink Creative Publishing

Finalist
Another Kind of Madness: A Journey through the Stigma and Hope of Mental Illness by Stephen P. Hinshaw
St. Martin's Press

Finalist
Short Manual on the Big Topics in Psychotherapy: The Brain, The Body, and Attachment by Pamela Church, MA, LMFT, Clinical Fellow AAMFT
Inkwater Press

Finalist
Travel and Movement in Clinical Psychology: The World Outside the Clinic by Miraj U. Desai, PhD
Palgrave Macmillan

Finalist
Will I Ever Be the Same Again? Transforming the Face of Depression & Anxiety by Carol A. Kivler
Three Gem Publishing/Kivler Communications

Health: Women's Health
Winner
Living with Endometriosis: The Complete Guide to Risk Factors, Symptoms, and Treatment Options by Samantha Bowick
Hatherleigh Press

Finalist
Faces of Uterine Fibroids by Martine M. Mayas
ICK Publishing

Finalist
Second Chance: A Mother's Quest For a Natural Birth After a Cesarean by Thais Nye Derich
She Writes Press

History: General

Winner
Night Falls on the Berlin of the Roaring Twenties by Robert Nippoldt and Boris Pofalla
Taschen

Finalist
Adonvdo Yona (Bear Spirit) Mountain, An Ancestral Awakening by Matthew "Maasaw" Howard
Authorhouse

Finalist
Eagles and Evergreens: A Rural Maine Childhood by Robert B. Charles
North Country Press (Unity, Maine)

Finalist
Flying SO High by Bonnie Larson
Transcendent Publishing

Finalist
Official Residences Around the World by Abby Clouse-Radigan
The White House Historical Association

History: Military

Winner
Americans at War: Eyewitness Accounts from the American Revolution to the 21st Century
edited by James R. Arnold
Finalist
From Student to Warrior: A Military History of The College of William and Mary by Wilford Kale
Botetourt Press

Finalist
The Shadow Tiger: Billy McDonald, Wingman to Chennault by William C. McDonald, III
Shadow Tiger Press

Finalist
The Stephen Decatur House: A History by James Tertius de Kay, Michael Fazio, Osborne Phinizy Mackey, and Katherine Malone France
The White House Historical Association

Finalist
The World Turns to War – A Volume in the Series War Stories: World War II Firsthand™ by Jay Wertz
Monroe Publications

**History: United States**

Winner
The Stephen Decatur House: A History by James Tertius de Kay, Michael Fazio, Osborne Phinizy Mackey, and Katherine Malone France
The White House Historical Association

Finalist
CWS Publishing

Finalist
Rufus: A Boy's Extraordinary Experiences in the Civil War by Phoebe Sheldon
Brook Hollow Press

Finalist
There Is Something About Edgefield: Shining a Light on the Black Community through History, Genealogy & Genetic DNA by Edna Gail Bush and Nathonne Elaine Kemp
Rocky Pond Press
Finalist
Where Have All the Sheep Gone? Sheep Herders and Ranchers in Arizona - A Disappearing Industry by Barbara G. Jaquay
Wheatmark

Home & Garden
Winner Listen to the Land: Creating a Southern Woodland Garden by Louise Agee Wrinkle
Birmingham Home & Garden

Finalist
Garden Wisdom 365 Days by Cheryl Wilfong
Heart Path Press

Humor
Winner
Please Don't Let Me Be the Oldest Mom in the PTA by Sharon O'Donnell
Torchflame Books/Light Messages

Finalist
As the Pretzel Rolls: An almost daily occurrence of the offbeat happenings to a pretzel store owner in her own little pretzel land by Pat Long
Mill City Press

Finalist
BUZZ by E.A. Carrington
CreateSpace

Finalist
Cockloft: Scenes from a Gay Marriage by Kyle Thomas Smith
Gatekeeper Press

Finalist
Ghost Busting Mystery: Shady Hoosier Detective Agency (Book 1) by Daisy Pettles
Hot Pants Press, LLC

Finalist
The Angel's Dictionary: A Spirited Glossary for the Little Devil in You by Sol Luckman
Crow Rising Transformational Media

Finalist
Will There Be Free Appetizers? by Don Ake
Wojelay Publishing

Law

Winner
Fifty Shades of Black and White: Anatomy of the Lawsuit behind a Publishing Phenomenon by Mike Farris and Jennifer Pedroza
Stairway Press

Finalist
Good Girl's Guide to County Jail for the Bad Girl in Us All: Your Guide to the Incarcer Nation by Ellen Marie Francisco
Friesen Press

Finalist
CreateSpace

Finalist
Secret Life of a Juror: Voir Dire - The Domestic Violence Query by Paul Sanders
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Third Degree: The Triple Murder that Shook Washington and Changed American Criminal Justice by Scott D. Seligman
Potomac Books

LGBTQ Non-Fiction

Winner
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Americans at Risk: Problems and Solutions edited by Chuck Stewart
ABC-CLIO

Finalist
Cockloft: Scenes from a Gay Marriage by Kyle Thomas Smith
Gatekeeper Press
Finalist
Girlish: Growing Up in a Lesbian Home by Lara Lillibridge
Skyhorse Publishing
Finalist
Going to Wings by Sandra Worsham
Third Lung Press
Finalist
Kiss Me Again, Paris: A Memoir by Renate Stendhal
IF SF Publishing
Finalist
Transgender Profiles: Time for a Change by Linda DeFruscio-Robinson
Brown Books Publishing Group
Finalist
What Runs Over by Kayleb Rae Candrilli
YesYes Books

Multicultural Non-Fiction

Winner
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom
Finalist
Heart of a Cuban: Refugee to American Hero by NJ Perez
Newman Springs
Finalist
Privilege Through the Looking-Glass by Patricia Leavy
Sense Publishers
Finalist
Similar Differences by Benjamin Berthet
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Finalist
The Stump: My Way Out of Chicago's South Side by CSM Terry L. Braddock, U.S. Army (Ret.) with Kathleen A. Braddock
Terry L. Braddock

Finalist
Wednesday's Children: Memoirs of a Nurse-Turned-Social-Worker in Appalachia by Kathryn Anne Michaels
Monkey Paw Press LLC

New Age: Non-Fiction

Winner
Discovering the Healer Within: Use Chakras & Intuition To Clear Negativity & Release Pain by Anysia Marcell Kiel
Llewellyn Worldwide

Finalist
Be Happy NOW!: From Wall Street Ambition and the Illusion of Success, My Path to Happiness by Alison Lanza Falls and David S. Prudhomme
Balboa Press

Finalist
Deep Living: Healing Yourself To Heal the Planet by Susanne Meyer-Fitzsimmons
Full Court Press

Finalist
The Amazing Afterlife of Animals: Messages and Signs from our Pets on the Other Side by Karen A. Anderson
Painted Rain Publishing

Finalist
The Fearless Path by Curtis Rivers
Findhorn Press

Finalist
The Mystic Chaplain: My Story by Kathy Collins
HenschelHAUS Publishing, Inc.

Finalist
The Way of the Simple Soul by Catherine Grace Landry
Non-Fiction: Narrative

Winner
Footprints in the Dust by Roberta Gately
Pegasus Books

Finalist
Mona Lisa in Camelot: How Jacqueline Kennedy and Da Vinci's Masterpiece Charmed & Captivated a Nation by Margaret Leslie Davis
The White House Historical Association

Finalist
Shattering Silences: Strategies to Prevent Sexual Assault, Heal Survivors, and Bring Assailants to Justice by Christopher Johnston
Skyhorse Publishing

Finalist
Excess Baggage: One Family's Around-the-World Search for Balance by Tracey Carisch
She Writes Press

Finalist
Never Too Late: From Wannabe to Wife at 62 by B. Lynn Goodwin
Koehler Books

Finalist
Non-Profit Legends by Hank Moore
Morgan James

Finalist
Recounting the Anthax Attacks: Terror, the Amerithrax Task Force, and the Evolution of Forensics in the FBI by R. Scott Decker
Rowman & Littlefield

Novelty & Gift Book

Winner
Enchanting Mandala Mazes: Puzzles to Ponder and Solve by Elizabeth Carpenter
Get Creative 6

Finalist
Little Thoughts for Big Days written & photographed by Kay Jantzi
Charis Kay Publishing

Finalist
Soul Blessings by Lulu Trevena, art by Laura Bowman
Merry Dissonance Press, LLC

Finalist
Thinkers! 3 - Even MORE Brain Ticklers! by Kevin J. Brougher, with art by Callie Logan
Missing Piece Press, LLC

Parenting & Family

Winner
What Your ADHD Child Wishes You Knew by Dr. Sharon Saline
Tarcher Perigee at Penguin Random House

Finalist
Just Tell Me I'm Pretty: Musings on a Messy Life by Heather LeRoss
Kat Biggie Press

Finalist
None Call Me Dad by Ky Owen
Interrogbang Collective

Finalist
Please Don't Let Me Be the Oldest Mom in the PTA by Sharon O'Donnell
Torchflame Books/Light Messages

Finalist
The Buddha at My Table: How I Found Peace in Betrayal and Divorce by Tammy Letherer
She Writes Press

Finalist
The Shame of Losing by Sarah Cannon
Red Hen Press

Finalist
The Way of the Warrior Mama: The Guide to Protecting and Raising Strong Daughters by Sally Clark
Morgan James

**Performing Arts**

**Winner**
Survival Guide for Music Composers: Tools of the Trade to Get Paid! by Brian Tarquin
Hal Leonard Publishing

**Finalist**
Actor for Life: How to Have an Amazing Career Without all the Drama by Connie de Veer and Jan Elfline
Smith and Kraus, Inc.

**Finalist**
Dance Across The USA by Jonathan Givens
Jonathan Givens

**Finalist**
Handbook of Arts-Based Research edited by Patricia Leavy
Guilford Press

**Finalist**
Last Year's Words, and Next Year's Voices: Essays and Speeches from a Decade as Chairman of the International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians by Bruce Ridge
Lulu Publishing Services

**Finalist**
PATRICK SWAYZE: The Dreamer by Sue Tabashnik
Passion Spirit Dreams Press

**Photography**

**Winner**
Wildlife in Wild Lands: Photography for Conservation in Southern South America by Laura Crawford Williams
My Wild Life Press, LLC

**Finalist**
Bluffton State of Mind: Celebrating Bluffton, the Lowcountry, and Palmetto Bluff - The Photography of Marge Agin, Essays by Lisa Sulka, Emmett McCracken, Courtney Hampson and Amber Kuehn, illustrations by Doug Corkern
Lydia Inglett Ltd Publishing/Starbooks

Finalist
Chicago Eternal by Larry Broutman
Broutman Photography

Finalist
Dance Across The USA by Jonathan Givens
Jonathan Givens

Poetry

Winner
Vanishing Point by William Trowbridge
Red Hen Press

Finalist
Blue Mistaken for Sky by Andrea Hollander
Autumn House Press

Finalist
Fealty by Ricky Ray
Eyewear Publishing

Finalist
Forged by Joy by Laura Mazza-Dixon
Antrim House

Finalist
In June the Labyrinth by Cynthia Hogue
Red Hen Press

Finalist
Permeable Divide by Ellen Rachlin
Antrim House

Finalist
SIX: Poems by Julie Marie Wade
Religion: Christian Inspirational

Winner
Wheels of Wisdom: Life Lessons for the Restless Spirit by Tim & Debbie Bishop
Open Road Press

Finalist
God and Your Pillow: How an Unexpected Pregnancy Taught Me to Truly Trust God by Marianne Petersen
Aviva Publishing - New York

Finalist
Jesus in Shorts: Twenty-five Short Stories of Life-Changing Jesus Moments by Laura L. Padgett
Illumify

Finalist
Living the Fillionaire Life by Spencer & Cyndy Nordyke
Blaze Publishing House

Finalist
Perfecting & Reforming Personal Religion by Linwood Jackson, Jr.
Fideli Publishing, Inc.

Finalist
The Giving Challenge: 40 Days to a More Generous Life by Stephanie L. Jones
Giving Gal Press

Finalist
Three Weeks to Forgiveness: God's Redemption in the Dark Places of Addiction by Kimberly Dewberry
eLectio Publishing

Religion: Christianity

Winner
Cross of a Different Kind: Cancer & Christian Spirituality by Anthony Maranise, M.A., illustrated by Mirjana Walther
Eternal Insight Press

Finalist
Lessons from Solomon: Finding True Success in Life by Glen A. Blanscet
Westbow Press

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Little Thoughts for Big Days written & photographed by Kay Jantzi
Charis Kay Publishing

Finalist
Shattered, Kept, Redeemed by P.A. Cotchery
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Realist Guide to Religion and Science by Paul Robinson
Gracewing

Finalist
Worship Wars: The Kings Lead the Battle to Spirit and Truth by David Waddell
Westbow Press

Religion: Eastern

Winner
Ujjain: The Eternal City by DB Corp. Ltd.
DB Corp. Ltd.

Finalist
Beginning, Middle & Zen: Tales from Canada to Korea and Back Again by Glen Shakwon Choi
Sumeru Press, Inc.

Finalist
God and god of Science by Syed Hasan Raza Jafri
Islamic Publishing House

Finalist
The Crowning Venture: Inspiration from Women Who have Memorized the Quran by Saadia Mian
Daybreak Press
**Religion: General**

**Winner**
Synagogues of Long Island by Ira Poliakoff
The History Press

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The Life and Times of a Black Prince in America by Robin R. Rabii
Self-Published

**Science**

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Hay House

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Russian Hill Press

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Transgender Profiles: Time for a Change by Linda DeFruscio-Robinson
Brown Books Publishing Group

**Self-Help: General**

**Winner**
Calm Clarity: How to Use Science to Rewire Your Brain for Greater Wisdom, Fulfillment, and Joy by Due Quach
Tarcher Perigree at Penguin Random House

**Finalist**
4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere! by Bento C. Leal III
CreateSpace

Finalist
8 Ways to Happiness from Wherever You Are by Dr. Marissa Pei
Morgan James

Finalist
A Beautiful Morning: How a Morning Ritual Can Feed Your Soul and Transform Your Life by
Ashley Ellington Brown
Leo Press

Finalist
Elevate: An Essential Guide to Life by Joseph Deitch
Greenleaf Book Group Press

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Survive a Shooting: Strategies to Survive Active Shooters and Terrorist Attacks by Alain Burrese
TGW Books

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Wheelchair Wisdom: Awaken Your Spirit through Adversity by Linda Noble Topf
Temple Arts Publishing

Self-Help: Motivational

Winner
Breathing Love: Meditation in Action by Jennie Lee
Llewellyn Worldwide

Finalist
15 Minute Pause: A Radical Reboot for Busy People by Michelle Burke and Lilamani De Silva
A Silver Thread

Finalist
Find the Fire: Ignite Your Inspiration and Make Work Exciting Again by Scott Mautz
AMACOM

Finalist
Lessons From My Grandfather: Wisdom For Success in Business and Life by Marc Demetriou
Highpoint Life
Finalist
Prove Them Wrong: Be the One to Make It Happen by Nancy Shugart
Amtex Publishing

Finalist
Shining Bright: Quotes and Images to Inspire Optimism, Gratitude & Belief In Your Limitless Potential by Tao Porchon-Lynch, Janie Sykes Kennedy, Teresa Kay-Aba Kennedy
Power Living Media

Finalist
Wild Ideas: Creativity from the Inside Out by Cathy Wild
Standing Place Press

**Self-Help: Relationships**

Winner
The Tell Me More Gesture: How & Why to Welcome Conflict by Janet W. Rowles
Out-and-Out Press

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4 Essential Keys to Effective Communication in Love, Life, Work—Anywhere! by Bento C. Leal III
CreateSpace

Finalist
I Hear You: The Surprisingly Simple Skill Behind Extraordinary Relationships by Michael S. Sorensen
Autumn Creek Press

Finalist
In Marriage Simple Things Matter by Dr. Charles D. Schmitz and Dr. Elizabeth A. Schmitz
Briarcliff Publishing

Finalist
Shopping For a Man: The Ultimate Woman's Guide to Dating a Really Great Guy by Lumari
Blue Star Network

Finalist
The Tantra Connection: Healing Through Cosmic Interface by Monika Müller
TopLink Publishing

Finalist
Wife, Just Let Go: Zen, Alzheimer's, and Love by Robert Briggs & Diana Saltoon
Robert Briggs Associates

Social Change

Winner
The Protector Ethic: Morality, Virtue, and Ethics in the Martial Way by James V. Morganelli
YMAA Publication Center

Finalist
Be Kind to Every Kind: Extending Our Circle of Compassion to All Living Beings, written and illustrated by Maritza Oliver
Mascot Books

Finalist
Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago by Linda Gartz
She Writes Press

Finalist
The Badass Girl's Guide: Uncommon Strategies to Outwit Predators by CJ Scarlet
CreateSpace

Finalist
The Patient Paradigm Shifts by Judy L. Chan
Business Expert Press

Finalist
The Ugly Fight: Unleashing Artificial Intelligence Against Global Warming by R.S. Amblee
Gloture Books

Finalist
With Justice for Some: Politically Charged Criminal Trials in the Early 20th Century That Helped Shape Today's America by Lise Pearlman
Regent Press

Spirituality: General

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From Anxiety to Love: A Radical New Approach for Letting Go of Fear and Finding Lasting Peace
by Corinne Zupko
New World Library

Finalist
A Fistful of Stars: Communing with the Cosmos by Gail Collins-Ranadive with Milt Hetrick
Homebound Publications

Finalist
Church-Free Spirituality: How to Craft a Spiritual Practice Beyond the Bounds of Religion by Ben Jamison
Lightwalker Press

Finalist
Conscious Ink: The Hidden Meaning of Tattoos: The Mystical, Magical and Transformative Art You Dare to Wear by Lisa Barretta
New Page Books

Finalist
Spiritual Living for Busy People: How to Nourish Your Soul in Today's Hectic World by José, Luis de la Torre, Jr.
Peace Books

Finalist
The Fearless Path by Curtis Rivers
Findhorn Press

Finalist
The Story of Our Time: From Duality to Interconnectedness to Oneness by Robert Atkinson
Sacred Stories Publishing

Spirituality: Inspirational

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Heart Path Press

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Something So Real: Inspirational Wisdom to Nurture Your Heart and Soul by Shannon Kaprive, illustrations by J. Alexandra Heintzelman Sharma
Lydia Inglett Ltd Publishing/Starbooks
Finalist
Soul Blessings by Lulu Trevena, art by Laura Bowman
Merry Dissonance Press, LLC
Finalist
Wisdom Tales Press/World Wisdom
Finalist
The Fearless Path by Curtis Rivers
Findhorn Press
Finalist
The Path Towards True Happiness by SC Sivaji Rao
Notion Press

Sports
Winner
1st and Forever: Make the Case for the Future of Football by Bob Casciola with Jon Land
Post Hill Press
Finalist
Coach Daryl's Colts: Going For Two by Corey McKinney
CreateSpace
Finalist
Gus Dorais: Gridiron Innovator: All-American and Hall of Fame Coach by Joe Niese with Bob Dorais
McFarland
Finalist
Winning Fights: 12 Proven Principles for Winning on the Street, in the Ring, at Life by Dr. Phillip Stephens
YMAA Publication Center
Travel: Guides & Essays

Winner
Venice: Keys to the City by Patty Civalleri
1-Take Publishing

Finalist
Amsterdam Exposed: An American's Journey Into The Red Light District by David Wienir
De Wallen Press

Finalist
Eat Smart in Portugal: How to Decipher the Menu, Know the Market Foods & Embark on a Tasting Adventure by Ronnie Hess and Joan Peterson
Ginkgo Press, Inc.

Finalist
If I Live Until Morning: A True Story of Adventure, Tragedy and Transformation by Jean Muenchrath
Vajrasky Books

Finalist
Lenin's Asylum: Two Years In Moldova by A.A. Weiss
Everytime Press

Finalist
She Can Find Her Way: Women Travelers at Their Best edited by Ann Starr
Upper Hand Press

Finalist
The Long Way Back by Lois Joy Hofmann
PIP Productions

True Crime: Non-Fiction

Winner
Recounting the Anthax Attacks: Terror, the Amerithrax Task Force, and the Evolution of Forensics in the FBI by R. Scott Decker
Rowman & Littlefield

Finalist
Banquet of Consequences: A Juror's Plight - The Carnation Murders Trial of Michele Anderson
by Paul Sanders
CreateSpace

Finalist
Black Sheep, White Cop: Savannah EXPOsed by Kevin J. Grogan
1108 Publications

Finalist
The Warrior's Manifesto: Ideals for Those Who Protect and Defend by Daniel Modell
YMAA Publication Center

**Women's Issues**

Winner
Women's Lives around the World: A Global Encyclopedia by Susan M. Shaw, General Editor, and Nancy Staton Barbour, Patti Duncan, Kryn Freehling-Burton, and Jane Nichols, Editors
ABC-CLIO

Finalist
A Fractured Life by Shabnam Samuel
Green Writers Press

Finalist
Curiously Strong: A Female Fighter Pilot's Story of Developing Strength by Priscilla Giddings
Women Ignite (WIPublish)

Finalist
From Liberty to Magnolia: In Search of the American Dream by Janice S. Elli

Finalist
Landscape with Sex and Violence by Lynn Melnick
YesYes Books

Finalist
Lucy, Go See. by Marianne Maili Chez
Soi Press

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