

2022 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The 2022 Grand Prize Book of the Year

Black, White, and Gray All Over: A Black Man's Odyssey in Life and Law Enforcement
by Frederick Reynolds

The 2022 Fiction Books of the Year

First Place - Mint by Teresa A. Swift

Second Place – The Chameleon: A Jake Palmer Novel by Ron McManus

Third Place - Valiance by Vanessa Caraveo

The 2022 Non-Fiction Books of the Year

First Place - The Stress Book: Forty-Plus Ways to Manage Stress & Enjoy Your Life
by D Terrence Foster

Second Place - Fostering: A Memoir of Courage and Hope by Carmen Maria Navarro

Third Place - Midnight Flight to Nuremberg: The Capture of the Nazi who put Adolf Hitler into Power by Marcus Nannini

THE CATEGORY WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Congratulations to all winners and finalists!
Finalists are listed in random order.

FICTION: ACTION/ADVENTURE

Outstanding Action/Adventure
The Chameleon by Ron McManus

Finalists

Zebra by Jill Wallace
Deliveries by Paul Smyth
Raptor's Revenge by Jim Malloy
Ripley of Valor by Thoren Syndergaard
A Merry Life by Sarah Branson
True Teryn by S.G. Blaise
Primeval Origins by B.A. Vonsik

FICTION: CHRISTIAN/RELIGIOUS

Outstanding Christian/Religious Fiction
The Girl From Chapel Hill by Vanester M Williams

Finalists

Begotten Not Made by Cónal Creedon
This Hallowed Ground by Donna E. Lane
Exile by Brian Shotton
Larimer Street by Timothy Browne
Hope Beyond the Waves by Heidi Chiavaroli
Stolen Blessing: Fr. Tom Series by Jim Sano
Karmyn: A Story of Hope by Lisa Washington

FICTION: FANTASY

Outstanding Fantasy
The Game of War by Glen Dahlgren

Finalists

The Sword and the Spark by C.E. Groom
The Wild Court by E.G. Radcliff
Wind by Ellen Davidson
The Child of Chaos by Glen Dahlgren
Chene by D.C. McElroy
The Wand by Marieke Lexmond
Cali the Destroyer by Sol Luckman

FICTION: SHORT STORY COLLECTION

Outstanding Short Story Collection
Once Removed: Stories by Colette Sartor

Finalists

Stumbling Through Adulthood: Linked Stories by John Sheirer
Dewdrops by Dan Flanigan
Looking for Life by Clayton Graham
Unaccustomed to Grace by Lesley Pratt Bannatyne
The Tales I've Told by Ted Fink
Voices from Bangladesh by Anupama Barua
50 States by Richard R Becker

FIRST NOVEL (40,000 to 80,000 Words)

Outstanding First Novel (40,000 to 80,000 Words)
Valiance by Vanessa Caraveo

Finalists

Terriers in the Jungle: A Novel by Georja Umano
The Source of Smoke by Vickie Adams
Killer Killer by Frank May
The Pallbearer by Christa Loughlin
The Beating of Sarah Strong by T.B. Stoner
Em's Awful Good Fortune: A Novel by Marcie Maxfield
Girls, Crimes, and the Ruling Body by Barry R Ziman

FIRST NOVEL (Over 80,000 Words)

Outstanding First Novel (Over 80,000 Words)
The Child of Chaos by Glen Dahlgren

Finalists

Rising Star by Michele Kwasniewski
Seen by Julie Delegal
In Search of Joel Gomez by Ted Fink
The Angel Room by Lee Call
Bridgetown Jordan P. Barnes
The Sword and the Spark by C.E. Groom
Ashes, Ashes by Jessica Goeken

FICTION: GENERAL FICTION

Outstanding General Fiction
Stolen Blessing: Fr. Tom Series by Jim Sano

Finalists

Do Over by Juliet Rose
Attribution: A Novel by Linda Moore
Just River by Sara B. Fraser
Valiance by Vanessa Caraveo
Seen by Julie Delegal
Rising Star by Michele Kwasniewski
Bridgetown by Jordan P. Barnes

FICTION: HISTORICAL

Outstanding Historical
Mint by Teresa A. Swift

Finalists

Promised Land by Danny Holst
The Last Shades of Scarlet by William A Lamon

The First Door is the Final Exit by Timothy O'Neil
Angel of Alta Langa by Suzanne Hoffman
The Puppet Maker's Daughter by Karla M. Jay
None Stood Taller by Peter Turnham
A Leaf in the Stream by Stephan Foust

FICTION: HOLIDAY FICTION

Outstanding Holiday Fiction

The Certainty of Chance by Jacquelyn Middleton

Finalists

Ripples Under the Sea: A Christmas Tale by Susan Jean Ricci
The Daughter Claus by D. Thrush
A Femich Christmas by R.J Amezcua
Family First by Sbrina

FICTION: HORROR

Outstanding Horror

Annihilation by Kaylin McFarren

Finalists

Devilish Dust by Erik Dean
Pulse Book One by B.A. Bellec
I Kept a Piece of You by Joanna Wolford
Summoner of Sleep by A. I. Winters
The Brain Drips Yellow by Burn Moor
The Bound Woman by Charles Welch
The Encanto by Arthur Swan

FICTION AND NON-FICTION: HUMOR/COMEDY/SATIRE

Outstanding Humor/Comedy/Satire

Oh Daddy Chronicles by Barry Robbins

Finalists

Slade by Robb Grindstaff
Doctor Refurb by Marty Essen
Bastards of the Revolution: A Novel by Pres Maxson
Ghosted: Dating & Other Paramoural Experiences by Jana Eisenstein
Em's Awful Good Fortune: A Novel by Marcie Maxfield
Just Jackie: My Life Is Like a Fruitcake by Jenny Cummings
2021: A Year in Review "The Aftermath" by Tim Doyle

FICTION AND NON-FICTION LGBTQ

Outstanding LGBTQ

Half In by Felice Cohen

Finalists

The MoonStone Girls by Brooke Skipstone
Biding Time by Lyn Gardner
The Angel Room by Lee Call
The Gray Line by B.J. Cyprian
Just River by Sara B. Fraser
Crystal's House of Queers by Brooke Skipstone
In the Closet: A Triad by Geri Gale

FICTION: LITERARY

Outstanding Literary Fiction

The Baseball Widow by Suzanne Kamata

Finalists

Shared Sorrows by Vincent Panettiere
The Essence of Nathan Biddle by J. William Lewis
Mint by Teresa A. Swift
Attribution: A Novel by Linda Moore
Strung by Roske
Touch by Rebecca Miller
Vignettes of the Possibly Dying by KB Eliza

FICTION: MYSTERY

Outstanding Mystery

The Death Mask Murders by Gabriel Farago

Finalists

Murder at the Wedding by Christine Knapp

Driftless Treasure by Sue Berg

The Source of Smoke by V. L. Adams

Stolen Blessing by Jim Sano

The Pallbearer by Christa Loughlin

Styled for Murder by Nancy J. Cohen

Machine of War by Jay Cameron Parke

FICTION: NOVELLA

Outstanding Novella

The King & Me by Joe Badalamente

Finalists

Howl Of The Ice by Christian Raymond

Dewdrops by Dan Flanigan

The Postmaster of Treblinka by Gabriel Farago

The Treehouse by John Hilton

It's For The Best by Janet K. Shawgo

Ripples Under the Sea by Susan Jean Ricci

Silent Walker by Inge-Lise Goss

FICTION: PARANORMAL/SUPERNATURAL

Outstanding Paranormal/Supernatural

Biding Time by Lyn Gardner

Finalists

Cali the Destroyer by Sol Luckman

Playing with Fire by William E Noland

Ghost Town by A.J. Thibault

Cursed Vampire by Brogan Thomas

Shoes on the Stairs by Jan Steele

Blood Mark by JP McLean

In Your Dreams by Robert Sanborn

FICTION: ROMANCE

Outstanding Romance

The Refusal by Eve M Riley

Finalists

Once Upon A Kiss by Selena Robins

Beneath the Destiny Stone by Sarah Charles

The Certainty of Chance by Jacquelyn Middleton

Outlaw's Redemption by T. K. Conklin

Love at On Deck Café by Leah Dobrinska

Secrets in the Palazzo by Kathleen Reid

Hello, Rest of My Life by Rick Lenz

FICTION: SCIENCE FICTION

Outstanding Science Fiction

Falcon's Ghost by Mike Waller

Finalists

Ark of the Apocalypse by Tobin Marks

A Merry Life by Sarah Branson

No Freedom by Inge-Lise Goss

True Teryn by S.G. Blaise

Code of Rainbow Book 3 by Weiqi Wang

Warehouse Dreams by Theresa Halvorsen

Gallantry in Action by John Spearman

FICTION: THRILLER/SUSPENSE

Outstanding Thriller/Suspense

The Chameleon by Ron McManus

Finalists

The Swords of Blood and Gold by JCR Paulino

The Pallbearer by Christa Loughlin

Leaving Phoenix by Jafe Danbury

The Death Mask Murders by Gabriel Farago

The Big Tilt by Dan Flanigan

The Dance Towards Death by Tejas Desai

No Freedom by Inge-Lise Goss

FICTION: YOUNG ADULT/TEEN/NEW ADULT

Outstanding Young Adult/Teen/New Adult

Wind by Ellen Dee Davidson

Finalists

The Game of War by Glen Dahlgren

The Vanishing by David M Slater

Valiance by Vanessa Caraveo

Why Won't My Boobs Grow... and Other Annoyances by Rebecca Garner

Touch by Rebecca Miller

The MoonStone Girls by Brooke Skipstone

FICTION: WOMEN'S FICTION

Outstanding Women's Fiction

Em's Awful Good Fortune: A Novel by Marcie Maxfield

Finalists

Kayla's Girls by Kerry Gibb

Once Removed: Stories by Colette Sartor

Angel of Alta Langa by Suzanne Hoffman

Attribution: A Novel by Linda Moore

The Other Side of the Ledge by Janelle Parmer

The Art of Always by Patricia Friedrich

From Where I Stand by Caroline Igra

FICTION: CHILDREN'S/JUVENILE

Outstanding Children's/Juvenile Fiction

Oliver and the Wishing Star by Jennifer Decker

Finalists

Broken Twigs: Realm by Charlotte L. Taylor

The Mask by Clayton Adams and Addison Adams

Big Little Voice: Behind the Smile by M.G. Vaciago

Wind by Ellen Dee Davidson

Zak: The Hew-Man by Mat Labotka

Chloe Counting New York by 5s by Suzan Johnson

Paddock by Winfield Murray

FICTION: CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED

Outstanding Children's Fiction Illustrated

The Night the Monsters Came by Junia Wonders

Finalists

Ms. Ruby and The GiGi Squad by Vickie Rodgers

Lunchbox Is On The Case by Jennifer Schick

Logan and the Lost Luggage by Christine Ricci-McNamee

I Am Different by Crystel Patterson

The Superpower of Your HEART by Lindsey J. Frank

One Flip, Two Flip, Three Flip, Four by Crystel Patterson

I Love You Through Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall by Junia Wonders [i](#)

We're Really All Just the Same by Rod Cornish

Keisha the Kind in My Little Sister Situation by Julie Anne Penn and Darren Penn

How Angel Horses Become Unicorns by Diana Tuorto

NON-FICTION: CHILDREN'S/JUVENILE/YOUNG ADULT

Outstanding Children's/Juvenile/Young Adult Non-Fiction
Have You Ever Wondered What You Will Be? by Junia Wonders

Finalists

What Is Coronavirus? by Sabbithry Persad MBA
Black History by Barbara J. Freeman
Queen Bee's Alphabet Cookbook by Mariah Ecker and Teri Ecker
Sophia's Gift by Karen B Kurtz
Zoey Meets David by Pat Tolve
Monologues for Kids and Tweens II by Mike Kimmel
Harry Goes To Heaven by Jane Sayre Denny

NON-FICTION: ARTS: ART/MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS

Outstanding Arts: Art/Music/Performing Arts
The Unstoppable Artist by Barbara L. McCulloch

Finalists

Monologues for Teens II by Mike Kimmel
Woo! by Dave Thomson
Reflections of Intimacy by Jewel Mensah

NON-FICTION: BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Outstanding Biography/Autobiography
Living among the Dead by Adena Astrowsky

Finalists

One Hit Wonder by Kevin R Kehoe
Witchcraft Legacy by Richard Warren Brewster
One Hell of a Ride by Pierre Charette
The Burning Light of Two Stars by Laura Davis
Midnight Flight to Nuremberg by Marcus A. Nannini
Wilhelm's Way by Teresa Wilhelm Waldof
Letters from Vietnam by Dennis Hoy

NON-FICTION: BUSINESS/SALES/FINANCE

Outstanding Business/Sales/Finance
Brands Don't Win by Stan Bernard

Finalists

Twelve-Minute Risk Management by Ivy Walker
100 Livestreaming & Digital Media Predictions Volume 2 by Ross Brand
Everyone Is an Entrepreneur by Gregory Diehl
Never Sit in the Lobby by Glenn Poulos
Unlocking Unicorns by Michael Bervell
Survive & Thrive by Paul Kewene-Hite
Leading in a Social World by R. Aaron Templer

NON-FICTION: CAREER/OCCUPATIONAL

Outstanding Career/Occupational
Skills: The Common Denominator by Asha Aravindakshan

Finalists

Wanted -> A New Career by Marlo Lyons
Leadership in 100 Words by Mainak Dhar
Values First by Laura Eigel
Hacking the System Design Interview by Stanley Chiang
On Your Marks, Get Set... LEAD! by Anna Marshall
The Making of a Physician by Harry L. Graber

NON-FICTION: EDUCATION/REFERENCE

Outstanding Education/Reference
Monologues for Adults by Mike Kimmel

Finalists

Sharing the Transition to College by Jennifer Sullivan and Jacquelynn Connell

Ramping Your Brand by James Richardson
Study, Sleep, Repeat by Joel Randall
Let's Talk Vaccines by Dr. Gretchen LaSalle MD
Contrary to Conception by Madeline V. Pasimio
What the Pet Food Industry Is Not Telling You by Dr. Stephanie Krol
Women Driven Mobility by Katelyn Davis and Kristin Shaw

FIRST NON-FICTION

Outstanding First Non-Fiction

An Impossible Life by Sonja Wasden and Rachael Siddoway

Finalists

Black, White, and Gray All Over by Frederick Reynolds
Hold, Please by Richard Hester
All The Leavings by Laurie Easter
The Kickass Couple by Dr. Gloria Lee
Twelve-Minute Risk Management by Ivy Walker
Fostering: A Memoir of Courage and Hope by Carmen Maria Navarro
Brands Don't Win by Stan Bernard
Wanted -> A New Career by Marlo Lyons

GENERAL NON-FICTION

Outstanding General Non-Fiction

The Stress Book by D Terrence Foster, MD

Finalists

Black, White, and Gray All Over by Frederick Reynolds
Press for Champagne by Christopher S. Ruhland
Dying With Dad by Yvonne Caputo
The Accomplice by Melissa Jacobus
Sharing the Transition to College by Jennifer Sullivan and Jacquelynn Connell
Char's Gift by Steve Harryman
Balance, Pedal, Breathe by Claire Unis

NON-FICTION: GRIEF/HARDSHIP

Outstanding Grief/Hardship

From Two to One by Rosina Leigh Eller

Finalists

On the Other Side of TERMINAL by Allen Chankowsky
Sober Daughter by Fawna Asfaw
Rue's Butterfly by Donna McCart Welser
The Journey Home by Gabriel Bron
Life Giving Dementia Care by Toni Kanzer
Tenebrae: A Memoir of Love and Death by Dan Flanigan
The B Word by Simona Altavilla Moss

NON-FICTION: GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

Outstanding Government/Politics

100 Years of Deception by Alan Adaschik

Finalists

Blindsided by Dawn Downey
Liberty, Science and Wealth by Ralph L. Bayrer
The Algerian Dream by Andrew G. Farrand
The Battle of Lincoln Place by Dennis Hathaway
The Human Paradox by Gilbert E. Mulley
Manufacturing versus Corruption by Ramy Harik Joseph Khoury

NON-FICTION: HEALTH/MEDICINE

Outstanding Health/Medicine

The Ultimate College Student Health Handbook by Jill Grimes

Finalists

Fast Forward to Hope by Indira Ahluwalia
Let's Talk Vaccines by Dr. Gretchen LaSalle MD
Contrary to Conception by Madeline V. Pasimio

Type One Determination by Lauren Plunkett
The Stress Book by D Terrence Foster, MD
Health in Flames by Vimal George
The Accidental Plague Diaries by Andrew Duxbury

NON-FICTION: HISTORY

Outstanding History

Midnight Flight to Nuremberg by Marcus A. Nannini

Finalists

The Journey: From Shackles and Chains to the White House by Donald Armstrong
The Party Dolls by George Hayward
Black History by Barbara J. Freeman
Oregon Loves New York by Sally Bourrie
So Far from Home by Robert Wilhelm
Women: Down through The Ages by Jerry Schaefer

NON-FICTION: MEMOIR

Outstanding Memoir

Black, White, and Gray All Over by Frederick Reynolds

Finalists

An Impossible Life by Sonja Wasden and Rachael Siddoway
Rue's Butterfly by Donna McCart
Catching Rain by Sandi Paris
The Journey Home by Gabriel Bron
Balance, Pedal, Breathe by Claire Unis
Hold, Please by Richard Hester
All The Leavings by Laurie Easter
Fostering: A Memoir of Courage and Hope by Carmen Maria Navarro
The Burning Light of Two Stars by Laura Davis

NON-FICTION: PARENTING/FAMILY/RELATIONSHIPS

Outstanding Parenting/Family/Relationships

I Love My Kids But I Don't Always Like Them by Franki Bagdade

Finalists

The Journey Home by Gabriel Bron
The Accomplice by Melissa Jacobus
Dying With Dad by Yvonne Caputo
The Kickass Couple by Gloria Lee
Navigating the Newborn Months and Beyond by Erin Leigh
Fostering: A Memoir of Courage and Hope by Carmen Maria Navarro
My Scar Is Beautiful by Caryn Shender

NON-FICTION: RELIGION/CHRISTIAN

Outstanding Religion/Christian

Why Does God Feel So Distant? by Charlie Miller

Finalists

God's Gift (Woman) by Freddie Floyd
What Is Heaven Like? by Richard R Eng
Be Held by Him by Karen Brough
Jesus Speaking by Mike Lutz
Char's Gift by Steve Harryman
The Day My Heart Turned Blue by Karla J Noland
Son Down, Son Up by Brenda Seals

NON-FICTION: SELF-HELP/HOW-TO

Outstanding Self-Help/How-To

Three Things Matter Most by Brett Atlas

Finalists

Artist: Awakening the Spirit Within by Jocelyn Jones
Crush Medical Debt by Virgie Bright Ellington
Flying Penguin by Dr. Asoka Jinadasa and Felicio Ferraz
The Other Side of the Ledge by Janelle Parmer

The Stress Book by D Terrence Foster, MD
Survive & Thrive by Paul Kewene-Hite
Uncolonized Latinas by Valeria Aloe

NON-FICTION: SOCIAL ISSUES

Outstanding Social Issues

Fostering: A Memoir of Courage and Hope by Carmen Maria Navarro

Finalists

Everyone Is an Entrepreneur by Gregory Diehl
Women Driven Mobility by Katelyn Davis and Kristin Shaw
The Battle of Lincoln Place by Dennis Hathaway
Being A Black Man... It's Harder than You Think by Toneal Jackson
Changemaker Playbook by Henry De Sio
EYO! Educate Your Opinion by Mystqx Skye
Shine a Light by Corrine Wilson

NON-FICTION: SPIRITUAL/INSPIRATIONAL

Outstanding Spiritual/Inspirational

The Blessing Book by Francis Shaw

Finalists

Bhakti Shakti by Pranada Comtois
Lost in Wonder by Leslee Clark
Thrive by Jeffrey Froh
The Day My Heart Turned Blue by Karla J Noland
Healing Yesterday's Tears by Kyli Santiago
Marathon Man by Alan Corcoran
Joy in Plain Sight by Katya Davydova

NON-FICTION: TRAVEL/NATURE

Outstanding Travel/Nature

A New Day Dawns by Terry Lister

Finalists

We Can Save the World by Kashinath Padhiary
Unlost by Cory Mortensen
Holding Fast by Susan Cole
Out of the Corner of Your Eye by Richard Fidler
Nature Norm's North Woods by Norman Weeks
Our Threatened Kin - Fur, Feather & Fin by Dev Shah

NON-FICTION: TRUE STORY

Outstanding True Story

Rue's Butterfly by Donna McCart Welser

Finalists

Kat the Dog by Alyson Sheldrake
Midnight Flight to Nuremberg by Marcus A. Nannini
One Hit Wonder by Kevin R Kehoe
The Party Dolls by George Hayward
Mia's Odyssey by Mia Odeh and Mike Ball
Dying With Dad by Yvonne Caputo
Tales of a Future Cat Lady by Starr M.D.

NON-FICTION: WRITING/PUBLISHING

Outstanding Writing/Publishing

Turn Words Into Wealth by Aurora Winter

Finalists

Century's Witness by Mary Llewellyn McNeil
Story and Structure by Leon Conrad

NON-FICTION: WOMEN'S

Outstanding Women's Non-Fiction

Uncolonized Latinas by Valeria Aloe

Finalists

A Winner in Spite of . . . by Evelyn S Booker

Mia's Odyssey by Mia Odeh and Mike Ball

Tales of a Future Cat Lady by Starr M.D.

They Called Us Girls by Kathleen Stone

The Accidental Virgin by Amanda Quisenberry

Blue Plastic Cow by Barbara Attwood

To the Monsters of My Past by Cameron Crews

POETRY

Outstanding Poetry

Fractures by Carlos Andrés Gómez

Finalists

Stop the World I Want to Get Off by Jacky Power

Tenebrae: A Memoir of Love and Death by Dan Flanigan

One Heart-Many Breaks by Sandeep Kumar Mishra

Healing Yesterday's Tears by Kyli Santiago

Make it a Double by Randall McNair

So Fragile Are the Beautiful Things by Luke Levi

Love and Such V by Ramona Powell-Poole