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FAPA President's Awards

Recognize Florida Authors and Publishers

Lake Buena Vista, FL—On Saturday night, August 5, the Florida Authors & Publishers Association (FAPA) gave out its prestigious annual President's Awards for the best books of 2015 and the first half of 2016 by authors and publishers in Florida and throughout the United States. The event, which took place at the Hilton Orlando/Lake Buena Vista Resort, recognized outstanding books by awarding gold, silver, or bronze medals. Forty-seven book categories ranging from children's books to adult fiction, from memoirs to self-help, and from business books to e-books were evaluated.

"The 2016 award winners exemplify excellence in publishing both regionally and nationally. The awards continue to command the attention of industry professionals and readers!" said Terri Gerrell, FAPA President.

All recipients of a FAPA President's Book Award will have the opportunity to have their book displayed at BookExpo America 2017. FAPA will be hosting a booth at the #1 book and author event for the book industry in the United States in New York City on May 31–June 2, 2017.

The following winners were selected in the following categories by the competition's sixty-five judges—librarians, educators, and publishing professionals:

1. Adult Fiction – General

GOLD *The Accidental Salvation of Gracie Lee*, Talya Tate Boerner, SYP
Publishing

SILVER *The Loss of All Lost Things*, Amina Gautier, Elixir Press

SILVER *Clemenceau's Daughters*, Rocky Porch Moore, Southern Yellow Pine
Publishing

SILVER *A Rising Tide of People Swept Away*, Scott Archer Jones, Fomite Press

BRONZE *Tropical Liaison*, Richard S. Hillman, Brighton Publishing

2. Adult Fiction – Genre: Chic Lit

GOLD *The Year Mrs. Cooper Got Out More*, Meredith Marple, Cinder Path Press

SILVER *Baby Girl*, Bette Lee Crosby, Bent Pine Publishing

SILVER *Waving Backwards*, Vickilynn Brunskill, Southern Yellow Pine (SYP)
BRONZE *Paisley Memories*, Zelle Andrews, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

3. Adult Fiction – Genre: Contemporary / Literary

GOLD *The Loss of All Lost Things*, Amina Gautier, Elixir Press
GOLD *Perfectly Good Crime, Dete Meserve*, Melrose Hill Publishing
SILVER *Clemenceau's Daughters*, Rocky Porch Moore, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing
SILVER *A Rising Tide of People Swept Away*, Scott Archer Jones, Fomite Press

4. Adult Fiction – Genre: Historical

GOLD *Heaven Cries*, Stephan A Silva, Penmore Press
GOLD *Summerton*, Becca St. John, Winterbourne Farm Publishing
SILVER *Lantern in the Mist*, Liliana Shelbrook, GarnetDream Entertainment, LLC
SILVER *Concealed in Ash*, Gwen Mayo, Mystery and Horror, LLC
SILVER *Forbidden Chronicles of a Roman Centurion*, John Chaplick, SYP Publishing
BRONZE *Struggles of The Women Folk*, TM Brown, self-published

5. Adult Fiction – Genre: Horror

GOLD *Clemenceau's Daughters*, Rocky Porch Moore, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing
SILVER *Shadows and Teeth, Volume 1*, Various Authors, Darkwater Syndicate, Inc.
SILVER *The Boys on the Mountain*, John Inman, DSP Publications

6. Adult Fiction – Genre: Mystery

GOLD *Dawn Over Dayfield*, Karenn Colcroft, DSP Publications
SILVER *Taming the Telomeres*, R.N. Shapiro, Challedon Publishing
SILVER *Summerton*, Becca St. John, Winterbourne Farm Publishing
BRONZE *PreMedicated Murder*, Charles Berkoff, First Person Publications

7. Adult Fiction – Genre: Romance

GOLD *Big Love*, Rick R. Reed, Dreamspinner Press
SILVER *Summerton*, Becca St. John, Winterbourne Farm Publishing
SILVER *In the Middle of Somewhere*, Roan Parrish, Dreamspinner Press
BRONZE *Sutphin Boulevard*, Santino Hassell, Dreamspinner Press

8. Adult Fiction – Genre: Sci-Fi and Fantasy

- GOLD** *Withered + Sere*, TJ Klune, DSP Publications
- SILVER** *Armageddon and the 4th Timeline*, Don Mardak, Grand Circle Publications LLC
- SILVER** *Earthshatter*, Albert Nothlit, DSP Publications
- BRONZE** *Drone Warrior: A James Barlow Adventure*, Captain Jack Watson, Atlantic Publishing Group

9. Adult Fiction – Genre: Suspense/Thriller

- GOLD** *What Doesn't Kill Her*, Carla Norton, Minotaur Books
- GOLD** *Crossing the Blue Line*, William Mark, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing
- SILVER** *Taming the Telomeres*, R.N. Shapiro, Challedon Publishing
- SILVER** *Fraccidental Death*, Donna Meredith, Wild Women Writers
- BRONZE** *Armageddon and the 4th Timeline*, Don Mardak, Grand Circle Publications LLC

10. Adult Fiction – Genre: Western

- SILVER** *Lantern in the Mist*, Liliana Shelbrook, GarnetDream Entertainment, LLC

11. Autobiography/Memoir

- GOLD** *Auschwitz #34207*, Nancy Sprowell Geise, Merry Dissonance Press
- SILVER** *Insatiable: A Memoir of Love Addiction*, Shary Hauer, She Writes Press
- SILVER** *Death Defied, Life Defined*, Paul E Perkins, Clovercroft
- BRONZE** *Managing Bubbie*, Russel Lazega, Createspace

12. Biography

- GOLD** *Auschwitz #34207*, Nancy Sprowell Geise, Merry Dissonance Press
- SILVER** *Managing Bubbie*, Russel Lazega, Createspace
- SILVER** *Possible Miracle: A Caregiver's Experience Coping with Her Husband's Struggle through Pancreatic Cancer, Liver Disease and a Liver Transplant*, Susan Fayne, Atlantic Publishing Group

13. Business Book

- GOLD** *The Inventor's Complete Handbook: How to Develop, Patent, and Commercialize Your Idea*, James L. Cairns, Ph.D., Atlantic Publishing Group

SILVER *Brand Yourself Royally in 8 Simple Steps*, Nancy Blanton, Ellys-Daughtrey Books

SILVER *Quantum Inventing*, Stephen Malak, Bardolf & Company

BRONZE *2016 Weird & Wacky Holiday Marketing Guide*, Ginger Marks, DocUmeant Publishing

14. Children's Picture (Read to Me) Book Age 0-3 N/A

15. Children's Picture (Read to Me) Book Age 4-7

GOLD *It's a Seashell Day*, Dianne Ochiltree, Blue Apple Books

SILVER *What a Bragger!*, Lee Ann Mancini, GLM Publishing LLC

SILVER *I'm Not Afraid!*, Lee Ann Mancini, GLM Publishing LLC

SILVER *Bode the Beach Dog: Life is Ruff*, Tara and Geoffrey Moser, Halo Publishing

BRONZE *Over on the Farm*, Marianne Berkes, Dawn Publications

BRONZE *Mice & Spiders & Webs...oh My!*, Sherrill S. Cannon, SBPRA

16. Coffee Table Book - NA

17. Cookbooks - NA

18. Cover Design – small format – smaller than 6” x 9”

GOLD *Burgundy Briefcase*, Roberta Burton, SYP Publishing

SILVER *The Other Brooklyn*, Bob Ieva, Documeant PublishingTBD

SILVER *A Rising Tide of People Swept Away*, Scott Archer Jones, Fomite Press

BRONZE *Fly on the Wall Series: Mayflower*, Linda Smigaj, Mark Wayne Adams, Inc.

19. Cover Design – larger format – larger than 6” x 9”

GOLD *Once Upon a Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear*, Billy Phillips, Toon Studio Inc.

SILVER *The Latama Legend*, Charles Cioffero, Neal Punchard, Dan Fuller, Walt Halucha, Pleasant Publishing

SILVER *Black and White Cat, White and Black Dog*, Marlaena Shannon, Muse Direct

BRONZE *The First Book of Gabriel / Seeker of The Light*, Gabe Rispoli Jr, Xlibris

20. Education

- GOLD** *Auschwitz #34207*, Nancy Sprowell Geise, Merry Dissonance Press
SILVER *The Rainbow, El Arco Iris*, Dr. Robert H. Krupp, Laura & Grandpa, Inc.
SILVER *Creativity: A Reader for Writers*, Ryan G. Van Cleave, Oxford UP

21. eBook: Adult

- GOLD** *Second Chances*, Lincoln Cole, LC Publishing
SILVER *The Exciting Story of Cuba*, Captain Hank Bracker, AtoZPublishers
SILVER *Camino Tips: Getting the Most out of "The Way,"* Jane V. Blanchard
BRONZE *Developing Minds: An American Ghost Story*, Jonathan LaPoma, Laughing Fire Press

22. eBook: Children

- GOLD** *Once Upon a Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear*, Billy Phillips, Toon Studio Inc.
SILVER *The Castle Across the Street: Prince Jackson Goes to School*, C.K. Carter, C.K. Carter
SILVER *The Tremendous Tale of the Terrifying Toynado!*, C.K. Carter, C.K. Carter

23. Fiction: Christian

- GOLD** *My Daughter's Army*, Greg Hogben, DSP Publications
BRONZE *Amazing Grace*, Karen J McKay, Tate Publishing

24. Fiction: Juvenile Age 7-12

- GOLD** *Little Miss Grubby Toes, Steps on a Bee!*, Eddie Price, Mark Wayne Adams
GOLD *Tip Top*, D.G. Stern, Neptune Press
SILVER *Fly on the Wall Series: Mayflower*, Linda Smigaj
SILVER *Outback: Bothers & Sinisters*, M. W. Adams
BRONZE *Once Upon a Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear*, Billy Phillips, Toon Studio Inc.

25. Fiction: Young Adult

- GOLD** *Tortuga Bay*, SR Staley, SYP Publishing
SILVER *A Winter Without (the Past Lives of Lola Ray~book Three)*, Leslee Horner, CreateSpace
SILVER *"Jumpin' The Rails!"*, Sheila W. Slavich, Xlibris

BRONZE *Faencina's Hope Water's Maiden*, Rebekah Aman, CreateSpace

26. Fiction: Young Adult - Romance / Coming of Age / New Adult

GOLD *Tortuga Bay*, SR Staley, SYP Publishing

SILVER *Spring Returning* (The Past Lives of Lola Ray Book Four), Leslee Horner, CreateSpace

SILVER *Paisley Memories*, Zelle Andrews, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

BRONZE *Unicorn Tracks*, Julia Ember, Harmony Ink Press

27. Fiction: Young Adult - Paranormal / Sci-fi / Fantasy

GOLD *Living with the Fall*, Hannah Thompson, Harmony Ink Press

SILVER *Lyla's Song*, Jennifer Christiansen, Ed.S., Guardian Publishing

SILVER *The Rain of Blood*, S.P. Kumar, Telemachus Press

BRONZE *Faencina's Hope Water's Maiden*, Rebekah Aman, CreateSpace

28. Florida: Children Picture (Read to Me) Book Age 0-3 - N/A

29. Florida: Children Picture (Read to Me) Book Age 4-7

GOLD *It's a Seashell Day*, Dianne Ochiltree, Blue Apple Books

SILVER *I'm Not Afraid!*, Lee Ann Mancini, GLM Publishing LLC

SILVER *Francesca Flamingo Flight with Fritz*, Libby Rammage and Linda Carr, Onlinebinding

BRONZE *What A Bragger!*, Lee Ann Mancini, GLM Publishing LLC

30. Florida: Fiction Book for Adults

GOLD *Crossing the Blue Line*, William Mark, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

SILVER *The Hooker, The Dancer and the Nun*, John D. Mills, Pono Publishing

SILVER *A Slice of Moon*, J.S. Lavalley, Createspace

31. Florida: Juvenile Age 8-13 (both fiction and non-fiction)

GOLD *The Adventures of Charlie Pierce: The Barefoot Mailman*, Harvey E. Oyer III, Middle River Press

SILVER *Once Upon a Zombie Book One: The Color of Fear*, Billy Phillips, Toon Studio Inc.

SILVER *The Poetry of Animals*, Gayle Paben, Peppertree Press

BRONZE *Tip Top*, D.G. Stern, Neptune Press

32. Florida: Nonfiction Book for Adults

- GOLD** *Managing Bubbie*, Russel Lazega, Createspace
- SILVER** *Cedar Key Fiber and Brush Factory: From the Tree to Thee*, John W. Andrews, M.D., Atlantic Publishing Group
- SILVER** *Historic Jacksonville Theatre Palaces, Drive-ins and Movie Houses*, Dorothy K. Fletcher, History Press/Arcadia Press TBD

33. Florida: Young Adult books (both fiction and non-fiction)

- SILVER** *A Slice of Moon*, J.S. Lavalley, Createspace

34. Graphic Novel - N/A

35. How-To/Self-Help

- GOLD** *Hard Choices for Loving People*, Sixth Edition, Hank Dunn, Quality of Life Publishing Co.
- SILVER** *Elegy for Mom: A Memoir of Family Caregiving, Alzheimer's, and Devotion* Vicki M. Kaufmann, Middle River Press
- SILVER** *Getting Through What You Can't Get Over*, Anita Agers Brooks, Barbour Publishing
- BRONZE** *Professor Birdsong's Law School Guide: Techniques for Choosing & Applying To Law School*, Leonard Birdsong, Winghurst Publications

36. Health & Fitness

- GOLD** *Elegy for Mom*, Vicki M. Kaufmann, Middle River Press
- SILVER** *Healthy Eating, Healthy Living, Healthy You*, Samadhi Artemisa, InJoy Healthcare
- SILVER** *Thank God I Got Cancer...I'm Not a Hypochondriac Anymore!*, Angelina Assanti, The City of Palms Publishing Co.

37. Home & Garden - N/A

38. Humor

- GOLD** *Does Grandma Have a Mustache?* Rita Ann Fleming, Spring & Maple Books LLC
- SILVER** *Managing Bubbie*, Russel Lazega, Createspace
- SILVER** *Thank God I Got Cancer...I'm Not a Hypochondriac Anymore!*, Angelina Assanti, The City of Palms Publishing Co.

BRONZE *PreMedicated Murder*, Charles Berkoff, First Person Publications

39. Nonfiction: Adult

GOLD *Hard Choices for Loving People, Sixth Edition*, Hank Dunn, Quality of Life Publishing Co.

GOLD *Auschwitz #34207*, Nancy Sprowell Geise, Merry Dissonance Press TBD

SILVER *The Body Blog: Explorations in Science and Culture*, Rachel K. Wentz, CreateSpace

SILVER *The Latama Legend*, Charles Cioffero, Neal Punchard, Dan Fuller, Walt Halucha, Pleasant Publishing

BRONZE *What Happened to Ochopee*, Jeff Whichello, JFLU Publishing

40. Nonfiction: Children's - N/A

41. Nonfiction: Young Adult - N/A

42. Poetry Book

GOLD *Does Grandma a Have a Mustache?*, Rita Ann Fleming, Spring & Maple Books LLC

SILVER *The Poetry of Animals*, Gayle Paben, Peppertree Press

BRONZE *Thee & Me in a Mellow Thine*, Walter Joseph Schenck, Jr, CreateSpace

43. Political/Current Events

SILVER *The Exciting Story of Cuba*, Captain Hank Bracker, AtoZPublishers

44. Reference

GOLD *The Dysautonomia Project*, Kelly Freeman, David Goldstein, Charles Thompson, Bardoff & Company

SILVER *Before You Even Open Your Mouth: Business Writing For Professional Speakers*, Elizabeth Huntoon Coursen, First Person Publications

45. Religion

GOLD *40 Days in the Wilderness*, Dale Clem, Bardolf & Company

SILVER *Armageddon and the 4th Timeline*, Don Mardak, Grand Circle Publications LLC

46. Sports & Recreation

GOLD *Marinas: The Complete Guide for Marina Selection, Storm Awareness and Living Comfortably Aboard Your Yacht*, Scott E McDowell, Ph.D., Atlantic Publishing

47. Short Fiction – including short stories

GOLD *The Loss of All Lost Things*, Amina Gautier, Elixer Press

SILVER *When Giraffes Flew*, Jeff Weddle, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

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