

2020

Quill Awards

Published Book Contest Winners

DIAMOND QUILL FOR BEST NOVEL OF THE YEAR

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COLLECTIONS

Gold Quill: Cresting the Sun by Nicholas Adams et al

Silver Quill: Yearning to Breathe /free by Lyn Worthen et al

Recommended Read: Grifty Shades of Fey by Johnny Worthen et al

Recommended Read: Robotech: The Macross Saga by Bryan Young et al

Recommended Read: Spirals by Keri Montgomery/The Brigham City Chapter

ADULT FICTION

Gold Quill: Founding Sheriff by Edward Massey

Silver Quill: Retaliation by Haley Cavanagh

Recommended Read: Siege & Sacrifice by Charlie N. Holmberg

Recommended Read: Thicker Than Water by Johnny Worthen

Recommended Read: Not the Bodyguard's Baby by Lorin Grace

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Gold Quill: Elmer's Feelings by Kai Milito

Silver Quill: We Shall Be Monsters by Ryan Decaria

Recommended Read: Zoo by Ann Hunter

Recommended Read: Farm Families by Robyn Buttars

NONFICTION

Gold Quill: Searching Isaiah by David Armstrong

Silver Quill: Heartbeats by Jef Huntsman

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Quill's Writing Contest

New Writer Categories

Creative Non-Fiction

- First Place: The Haunted Castle - Steven Wight
- Second Place: Fear and Wonder in Apple Valley, Minnesota - Elijah Foster
- Third Place: Vic Mignogna VS Funimation - Kiara Horowitz

Fiction

- First Place: The Champion - J Schnader
- Second Place: King Billy the Wicked - Glenn Reschke
- Third Place: When Boys Have Breasts: The First Kiss - Frank Jones
- First Honorable Mention: You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You - Maxwell Nobis
- Second Honorable Mention: Durango - J Schnader
- Third Honorable Mention: Out and Through - Anna Bessesen

First Chapter (Fiction or Non Fiction)

- First Place: The City of Schemes - Bill Garwin
- Second Place: Matt Mabie and the Adventures of the Morning Star - Justin Glauser
- Third Place: Relatively Normal Secrets - Christina Allen
- First Honorable Mention: Alchemy's End - Mary Johnstun
- Second Honorable Mention: The Search for Machadamia - A Quest Most Noble
- Third Honorable Mention: Tides of Blood - Jessica Zarnofsky

Poetry

- First Place: Growth - Danielle Harward
- Second Place: Gender Scale - Kam Hadley
- Third Place: Life In the Time of Corona - Carolyn Marlin
- First Honorable Mention: Phoenix - Windy Talbot

Established Writers Categories

Poetry

Light Verse (Rhyming, Metrical, and/or Humorous)

- First Place: Night Ride - Robyn Buttars
- Second Place: Cereal Killer - Charlene Harmon
- Third Place: Daydreaming - Charlene Harmon
- First Honorable Mention: A Vary Mary Christmas - Denis Feehan
- Second Honorable Mention: Love of Lisa - Jef Huntsman
- Third Honorable Mention: Addiction - Gregor Deluca

Theme: Love/Loss

- First Place: Eiderdown - Lorraine Jeffery
- Second Place: Sleeping Alone: The Wife Left Behind - Charlene Harmon
- Third Place: Deafening - Michael Lopez
- First Honorable Mention: Kyles Room - Jef Huntsman
- Second Honorable Mention: Obituary - Sue Leth
- Third Honorable Mention: Beyond the Blossoms - Grace Jessen

Narrative Poetry (Open or Closed Form)

- First Place: Face of My Father - Jarod Garrett
- Second Place: Blind Amanda and His Eyes - Lorraine Jeffery
- Third Place: Cemetery Service - Grace Jessen
- First Honorable Mention: First Signs - Jef Huntsman
- Second Honorable Mention: Sunshine Walls - Jayrod Garrett
- Third Honorable Mention: Hope and Despair - Krystal Gerber

Prose Poem

- First Place: Maverick Jazz - Marie Tollstrup
- Second Place: First Lady of the Wild World - Frank DeCarla
- Third Place: Nestled in Nature - Claudene Gordon
- First Honorable Mention: The Islands of the Dead - Cara O'Sullivan
- Second Honorable Mention: Twilight Walk - Marie Tollstrup
- Third Honorable Mention: Dear Dora, - C. Butler

Prose

Children's Story

- First Place: The Squawk - Caroline Peterson
- Second Place: The Cookie Fix - Arlena Harmon
- Third Place: Loose Tooth on the Loose - Robyn Buttars
- First Honorable Mention: Halloween Haunt - Robyn Buttars
- Second Honorable Mention: Clarion - Tim Heare

Creative Nonfiction

- First Place: Eulogy for My Living Brother - Sara Wetmore
- Second Place: A Maid Named Maria - Sandra Montanino
- Third Place: Clarke Gable Drops the F-Bomb - Chris Todd Miller
- First Honorable Mention: Confessions of a Claustrophobic - Denis Feehan
- Second Honorable Mention: The Poison Within - Marie Tollstrup
- Third Honorable Mention: Baseball Bats and Crystal Balls - Rachael Bush

First Chapter (Novel)

- First Place: Haunts Apparitions and Things Left Undead - Ryan Decaria
- Second Place: The Brigham - Scott Tarbet
- Third Place: Antoine's Run - Jef Huntsman
- First Honorable Mention: The Weight of Salt - Sandra Montanino
- Second Honorable Mention: The Fires of Mortality - Cara O'Sullivan
- Third Honorable Mention: Unproven - Nick Jensen

First Chapter (Young Adult)

- First Place: Legendary Mellie - Christina Allen
- Second Place: How to Survive Seventh Grade - David Rodeback
- Third Place: Kinda Quaker Deenie - Lauren King
- First Honorable Mention: Rise of the Stripling Warriors - Scott Tarbet
- Second Honorable Mention: Snow So White - Kathryn Ferriello
- Third Honorable Mention: The Alchemist's Coin - Rachel DeFriez

Flash Fiction

- First Place: Stepping Out - Marie Tollstrup
- Second Place: Dinner for Halgaroth - Heidi Voss
- Third Place: Sucker - Autumn Rust
- First Honorable Mention: Patient Zero - Amanda Barusch
- Second Honorable Mention: Unforgettable - Elizabeth Suggs
- Third Honorable Mention: The Opportunity - Rock Thompson

Historical Fiction

- First Place: Hippocrates - Bryan Young
- Second Place: Uncle Robert - David Kennedy

Media Article

- First Place: Flying Solo - Marie Tollstrup
- Second Place: Phantom Reality - Marie Tollstrup
- Third Place: Confronting Suicide - Marie Tollstrup
- First Honorable Mention: High Wire Act - Marie Tollstrup
- Second Honorable Mention: 'Revenge of the Sith' Opened the Door to Exploring 'Star Wars' Afterlife - Bryan Young
- Third Honorable Mention: The Birds and the Bees - Alice Batzel

Screenplay

- First Place: Help Wanted - Bryan Young
- Second Place: Nightmares - Bryan Young

- Third Place: Honky Tonk Gals - Lonnie Bradley

Short Fiction

- First Place: Me and Liz - Josie Hulme
- Second Place: Canceled - Monica Simons
- Third Place: Missing Margaret - Donna Graves
- First Honorable Mention: Her Voice - David Rodeback
- Second Honorable Mention: It Could Have Been Us - Tyler Nelson
- Third Honorable Mention: Ketchum - Bryan Young

Speculative Fiction

- First Place: A Sense of Justice - Johnny Worthen
- Second Place: Winds of Fate - Krystal Gerber
- Third Place: Anything - Bryan Young
- First Honorable Mention: No Soliciting - Caryn Larrinaga
- Second Honorable Mention: The Waiting Nightmare - Aren Hatch
- Third Honorable Mention: The Reaper - Josie Hulme

Spiritual Essay

- First Place: From Nun to None - Marie Tollstrup
- Second Place: The Fallen Sparrow - Krystal Gerber
- Third Place: Truth - Lorraine Jeffery
- First Honorable Mention: 10,000 Hours to Michell Obama's Arm Muscles - Vicky Oliver
- Second Honorable Mention: Joel - Claudene Gordon
- Third Honorable Mention: A Gender Queer Follower of Christ - Kam Hadley

Western

- First Place: The Wild Bunch Barber - Bryan Young
- Second Place: A Turn to the South - Molly Sturdevant
- Third Place: Justice - Tim Heare