



The Quills Awards

For Published Texts

Winners announced at the Quills Conference Awards Ceremony

August 10, 2024

Diamond Quill Winner 2024

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Alex Hugie

“Loophole”

(Just Write Chapter)



Young Adult & Middle-Grade Novels

- Gold Quill: Stephen F. Capone Jr. “Max in the Capital of Spies: A Max Fredericks Story” (Utah Screenwriters Guild/Salt City Genre Writers/Horror Writers Association)
- Silver Quill: Kat Farrow “Bobbin and the Magic Thief” (Unaffiliated)
- Bronze Quill: Amanda Empey “White Crown Academy” (Write On – St George)
- Recommended Read: Robyn Dabney “The Ascenditure” (La Sal Legends)

Novellas & Novelettes

- Gold Quill Bryan Young “BattleTech: Giving Up the Ghost” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Silver Quill Sara Fitzgerald “A Kiss for Kate” (Herriman)
- Bronze Quill Jill Ammon Vanderwood “Keeping Secrets: The Path You Choose #4” (Brigham City Writers)

Adult Novels

- Gold Quill: Gail Knezevich “Forgotten Dreams” (Woodcraft)
- Silver Quill: Sara Wetmore “Searching for Your Song” (Romance chapter)
- Bronze Quill: Cambria Williams “The Befallen” (Infinite Monkeys/Salt City Genre Writers)
- Recommended Read: Christian Bradley “Nanobots, Murder, and Other Family Problems”(Salt City Genre Writers)
- Recommended Read: Becca Lee Gardner “Worldbreaker: An Eldros Legacy Novel”(Unaffiliated)

Nonfiction

- Gold Quill: C. H. Lindsay “The Ted Bundy Files: A 1976 Companion”(Oquirrh Writers/Red Butte Bards/Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Quill: Haley Cavanagh “Adulting: The Ultimate Cheat Sheet” (Just Write)
- Bronze Quill: Hilary Camille Thompson “Dear Mama in the Darkness: Words of Encouragement for Parents of Medically Complex Kids” (Nebo Novelists)

Collections

- Gold Quill: Drienie Hattingh “Coming to America: Journeys of Modern-Day Immigrants” (Blue Quill/Ogden)
- Silver Quill: David Rodeback “The Dad Who Stayed and Other Stories” (Good AF Writers)
- Bronze Quill: David Rodeback “Poor As I Am and Other Stories at Christmas” (Good AF Writers)
- Recommended Read: Elizabeth Suggs “Darkness 101: Lessons Were Learned” (Romance)



The Palette Awards

Book Cover Contest

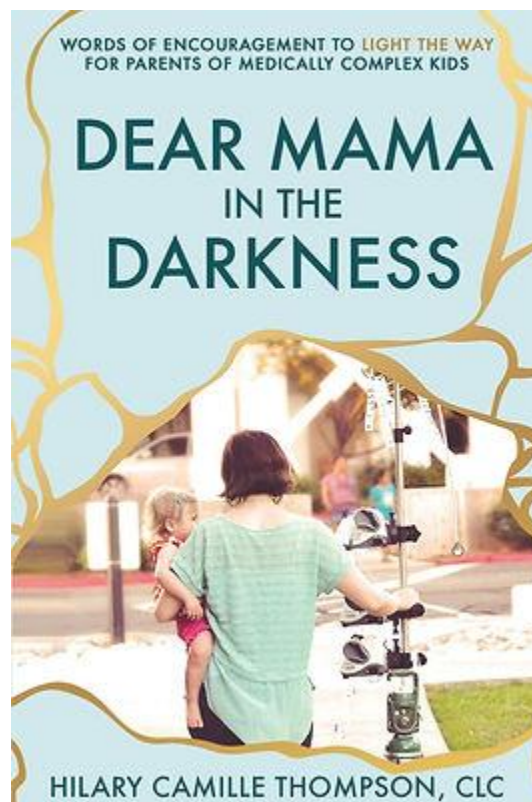
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The Lapis Lazuli Award

Hilary Camille Thompson

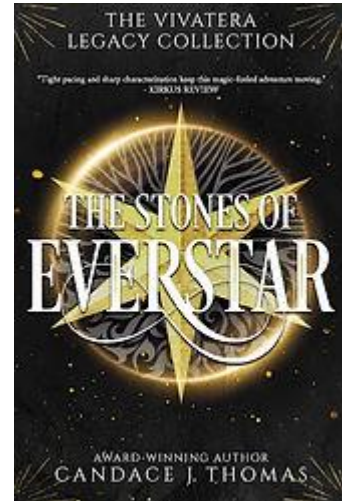
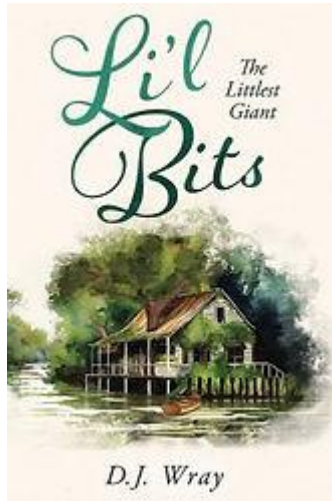
“Dear Mama in the Darkness”

(Nebo Novelists)



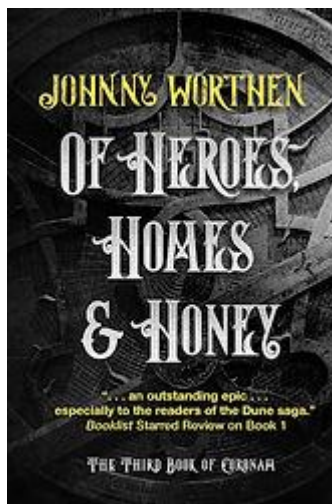
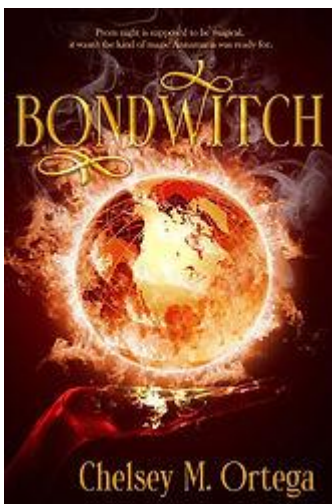
Independent Publications

- Gold Palette: Jill Ammon Vanderwood “Keeping Secrets: The Path You Choose #4” (Brigham City Writers)
- Silver Palette: D.J. Wray “Li'l Bits—The Littlest Giant” (Nebo Novelists)
- Bronze Palette: Candace J. Thomas “The Stones of Everstar” (Oquirrh Writers)



Traditionally Published

- Gold Palette: Chelsey M. Ortega “Bondwitch” (Nebo Novelists)
- Silver Palette: Johnny Worthen “Of Heroes, Homes and Honey” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Palette: Cambria Williams “The Befallen” (Infinite Monkeys/Salt City Genre Writers)





The Olive Woolley Burt Awards

For Creative Writing

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New Voices: Creative Nonfiction

- First Place: Timothy E. Doyle "The Edge of Forever" (Utah Valley Legends)
- Second Place: Timothy E. Doyle "Miss Kauer: A Love Story" (Utah Valley Legends)

New Voices: First Chapter Adult

- First Place: Jessica Gustafson "Lady Unknown" (Just Write)
- Second Place: Breanna Trost "Empire Trials" (Typewriters)
- Third Place: Sheena Blankenagel "The She-Stallion Queen" (Write On Saint George)
- Honorable Mention: A. M. Shiner "The Nobility of Rats" (Chapter 1 Davis County)

New Voices: First Chapter YA, Middle Grade, & Children's

- First Place: Amanda Rogers "Three Times a Charm" (Utah Valley Legends)
- Second Place: Melodie Lund "Lyrics and a Lake Boy" (nonmember)
- Third Place: James Crofts and William Crofts "Ancient Apocalypse City" (Utah Valley Legends)
- Honorable Mention: Josh Wilcox "The Midnight Train" (Good AF Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Mary Furse "The Rider's Mask, Chapter 1: The Rider" (Utah Valley Legends)

New Voices: General & Literary Fiction

- First Place: Sheena Blankenagel “The Bark Park” (Write On Saint George)
- Second Place: Gina G. “Larry and Ralph Escape” (Write On St George/Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Yvette Anderson “Betting on the Boutique” (Blue Quill, Romance)
- Honorable Mention: Melanie Owen “Leaves” (General Chapter)

New Voices: Genre Fiction

- First Place: Kalie Walker “The Redbells of Winwich” (Salt City Genre Writers/Utah Freelance Editors)

New Voices: Poetry

- First Place: Timothy E. Doyle “Mysterious Universe” (Utah Valley Legends)
- Second Place: Sarah E. Glenn “Grandma” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: T. Rodriguez “The Heart Forecasts the Weather” (Blue Quill/Romance)
- Honorable Mention: Timothy E. Doyle “Jewels” (Utah Valley Legends)

Established Writers Categories

Flash Fiction: Just Write

- First Place: Inna V. Lyon “Raise High Your Oars, Gondoliers!” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Melissa Schack “Ghost Writer” (Romance)

Flash Fiction: Author’s Choice Theme

- First Place: Julie Walton “Domingo’s December” (Write On)
- Second Place: Johnny Worthen “Ralph” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Abby Brinkerhoff “Crazy” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Edith Midgley “Special Delivery” (Unaffiliated)

Poetry: Freeform & Slam

- First Place: Timothy E. Doyle “The Stars are White” (Utah Valley Legends)
- Second Place: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Still Life” (Red Butte Bards)
- Third Place: Sara Weikel “I Am Fire” (Salty Scribblers)
- Honorable Mention: Timothy E. Doyle “Autumn” (Utah Valley Legends)

Poetry: Haiku

- First Place: Marie Tollstrup “Arches” (Write On)
- Second Place: Jef R. Huntsman “Cowpie” (Red Butte Bards/Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Jef R. Huntsman “The Owl” (Red Butte Bards/Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Marie Tollstrup “Golden Gibbous Moon” (Write On)
- Honorable Mention: C. H. Lindsay “Haiku 1” (Red Butte Bards/Oquirrh/ Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Light Verse

- First Place: D.J. Wray “A Wish Come True” (Nebo Novelists)
- Second Place: Jef R. Huntsman “The Conversation” (Red Butte Bards)
- Third Place: Denis Feehan “Acronymistic” (Write On St George)
- Honorable Mention: Denis Feehan “Ode to Joe” (Write On St George)
- Honorable Mention: Jef R. Huntsman “One More Thing” (Red Butte Bards/Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Narrative Poem

- First Place: Anna F. Marasco “Lost Stories of the 82nd Airborne” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Marie Tollstrup “Kickapoo River Dance” (Write On)
- Third Place: Marie Tollstrup “Hitler’s Bathtub” (Write On)
- Honorable Mention: Valerie Zimmerman “On This Day” (Salt City Scribes)

Poetry: Song Lyrics

- First Place: Joseph Gordon “Burying You” (Write On St. George)

Nonfiction

- First Place: Timothy E. Doyle “Little Things” (Utah Valley Legends)
- Second Place: Josie Hume “Parris Island—Oorah!” (Just Write)
- Third Place: Lorraine Jeffery “Flannel Shirt” (Red Rock Poetry)
- Honorable Mention: Inna V. Lyon “We Are All Passengers on the Titanic” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Inna V. Lyon “Mink” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)

Spiritual Essay

- First Place: Tom Wahl “Jake” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: M. K. McKenna “Love From a Distance” (Blue Quill/Romance)
- Third Place: George Pence “Lost in a Hospital” (Salt City Scribes)
- Honorable Mention: Sara Weikel “Guilt Is Dumb” (Salty Scribblers)

First Chapter Adult

- First Place: Mike Youd “Downlines” (Salt City Scribes/Salt City Genre Writers)
- Second Place: Megan Condie “The Song of the Endless Dark” (Blue Quill/Just Write)
- Third Place: Melissa Schack “Without Words” (Romance)
- Honorable Mention: Jessica Van Wagoner “The Hungry Ones” (Infinite Monkeys)

First Chapter YA, Middle Grade, & Children’s

- First Place: Johnny Worthen “Things Bequeathed” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Rae Wilkinson “A Heist in Oz” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Jill Ammon Vanderwood “Purdy Franklin Girl Cat” (Brigham City Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Rachel DeFriez “Beyond Violet” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: C. W. Allen “Mellie Morton Is Not Your Babysitter” (West Desert Wordsmiths)

General & Literary Fiction

- First Place: L. S. Kunz “The Department Store” (Salt City Scribes)
- Second Place: Linda F. Smith “The Ham Sandwich” (Just Write)
- Third Place: Inna V. Lyon “The Perfect Summer” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Terra Luft “Walkabout” (Blue Quill)
- Honorable Mention: Rachel DeFriez “A Simple Cup of Coffee” (Infinite Monkeys)

General Creative Nonfiction

- First Place: Laurel Yeates “Grandma and the Virginia Tech Murderer” (Millcreek)
- Second Place: Julie Walton “Mathias’ Prayer” (Write On)
- Third Place: Megan Condie “Forty-Two Going on Twenty” (Blue Quill/Just Write)
- Honorable Mention: Jef R Huntsman “Summer Chevy” (Infinite Monkeys/Red Butte Bards)

Horror

- First Place: L. S. Kunz “Garbage Day” (Salt City Scribes)
- Second Place: C. R. Langille “The Stars Have Teeth” (Unaffiliated)
- Third Place: Eric John Anderson “Some Things Hidden” (Salt City Genre Writers/Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: C. M. Greathouse “Better” (Blue Quill)
- Honorable Mention: Jessica Van Wagoner “The Resurrection Man” (Infinite Monkeys)

Mystery & Thriller

- First Place: Josie Hulme “The Gamer” (Just Write)
- Second Place: Inna V. Lyon “Shishok, Russian Domovoi” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Linne Elizabeth “New Year, New Problems” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Melissa Schack “The Invitation” (Romance)
- Honorable Mention: Tim Heare “Some Call It Love” (Salt City Genre Writers/ Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Gina G. “The Case of the Doll” (Write On St George/Infinite Monkeys)

Romance

- First Place: Megan Condie “Under Dover Skies” (Blue Quill/Just Write)
- Second Place: September Roberts “Helping Doris” (Blue Quill)
- Third Place: Debra Birdwell Winkler “A Villa on Lake Como” (Romance)
- Honorable Mention: Michelle Henrie “The Sherlock Secret” (The TypeWriters)

Science Fiction & Fantasy

- First Place: C. W. Allen “Where There’s a Will, There’s a Wisp” (West Desert Wordsmiths)
- Second Place: Johnny Worthen “The Old Problem” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Bryan Young “A Curse of Blessings” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Katherine Monasterio “The Soul Merchant” (SCGW)

Short Prose Scripts

- First Place: Bryan Young “The Lost Boys” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Second Place: Inna V. Lyon “Rita Red-Riding Doesn’t Eat Red Meat” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)

Screenplay

- First Place: Jakob Tice “The Inseparables” (Nebo Novelists)
- Second Place: Lena Seren “Hell Squad” (Screenwriters Guild of Utah)
- Third Place: Spencer Holt & “Dinner Time” (Salt City Genre Writers/ Eric John Anderson Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Bryan Young “The Patents Men” (Salt City Genre Writers)



The Typewriter Awards

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Emerald Typewriter Winner 2024

Pat Partridge

“The New Dress”

(Infinite Monkeys/Salt City Scribes)

Short Stories

- Gold Typewriter: Bryan Young “Son of Demeter” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Silver Typewriter: Jessica Gustafson “The Manhunt” (Just Write)
- Bronze Typewriter: Gina G. “Culling the Humans” (Write On – St George/Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: Terra Luft “Tempting Truths” (Blue Quill)

Poetry

- Gold Typewriter: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Threading the Needle” (Red Butte Bards)
- Silver Typewriter: Michael Shoemaker “Taking the Long Way Back” (Blue Quill)
- Bronze Typewriter: Rae Wilkinson “The Cabin” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: C. H. Lindsay “Never the Netherwood” (Red Butte Bards/Oquirrh Writers/Infinite Monkeys)

Nonfiction

- Gold Typewriter: Inna V. Lyon “From Russia, with Borscht” (Blue Quill/Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Typewriter: Carolyn Campbell “Trust No One” (Wordcraft)
- Bronze Typewriter: Linne Marsh “Growing into Love: A Comparison of Adolescent Marriage in Pride and Prejudice and Sense and Sensibility” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Recommended Read: M. Rohr “The Good Girl’s Chemical High” (Blue Quill/Just Write)

Media Articles

- Gold Typewriter: Terra Luft “Fourth Wing is Smart Fantasy Romance Even for Reluctant Readers” (Blue Quill)
- Silver Typewriter: Terra Luft “Barbie—The Surprisingly Better Half of Barbenheimer” (Blue Quill)
- Bronze Typewriter: Johnny Worthen “Johnny Worthen’s Patented Cure-All Scene Outline Template and Balding Cure”(Infinite Monkeys)

Flash Fiction

- Gold Typewriter: Johanna Greenberg “Animal Control” (nonmember)
- Silver Typewriter: Spencer Merrell “Deprecation” (Utah Valley Legends)
- Bronze Typewriter: Keyra K. Allred “Just For This Moment” (LUW Romance Writers)
- Recommended Read: M. Lee Holmes “Eulogy” (Blue Quill)

Comics & Illustrated Books

- Gold Typewriter: Rachael Bush “Botany for Everyone: Stems” (Blue Quill)