

2013 Independent Publisher Book Awards Results

Here are the results of this year's awards, starting with the gold, silver and bronze medalists in our 77 National categories, followed by the Regional category medalists, our Outstanding Books of the Year, and the E-Book categories.

Congratulations to all!

1. Fine Art

Gold: *Artists in Love*, by Veronica Kavass (Welcome Books)

Silver (tie): *Regarding Warhol: Sixty Artists, Fifty Years*, by Mark Rosenthal, Marla Prather, Ian Alteveer, and Rebecca Lowery (The Metropolitan Museum of Art) and *Jay DeFeo: A Retrospective*, by Dana Miller (Whitney Museum of American Art, New York)

Bronze: *Dark Light: The Ceramics of Christine Nofchissey McHorse*, by Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio (Fresco Fine Art Publications)

2. Performing Arts

Gold: *Rolling Stones 50x20*, by Chris Murray (Insight Editions)

Silver: *Starting Your Career as a Dancer*, by Mande Dagenais (Allworth Press)

Bronze: *50 Sides of the Beach Boys*, by Mark Dillon (ECW Press)

3. Photography

Gold: *Johsel Namkung: A Retrospective*, by Johsel Namkung (Cosgrove Editions)

Silver (tie): *Iconic: Perspectives on the Man-Made World*, by Brian Vanden Brink (Down East Books) and *Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows*, by Richard Cahan & Michael Williams (CityFiles Press)

Bronze: *INPHA 1: The 1st International Photography Annual*, Edited and Designed by Jason Franz (Manifest Press)

4. Architecture

Gold: *Sun Sticks & Mud: 1,000 Years of Earth Building in the Desert Southwest*, by Bart Kaltenbach and Barbara Ansel; photographed by Steve Fitch (La Sombra Books)

Silver: *Advanced Timber Framing*, by Steve Chappell (Fox Maple Press)

Bronze: *Legendary Golf Clubhouses of the U.S. and Great Britain*, by Richard J. Diedrich (Diedrich, LLC)

5. Popular Fiction

Gold (tie): *Centerville*, by Karen Osborn (Vandalia Press) and *All the Dancing Birds*, by Auburn McCanta (Marcanti Clarke Literary Press)

Silver: *My Year as a Clown*, by Robert Steven Williams (Against the Grain Press)

Bronze: *The Holden Age of Hollywood*, by Phil Brody (Medallion Press)

6. Literary Fiction

Gold(tie): *City of Brotherly Love*, by Ned Bachus (Fleur-de-Lis Press) and *Renato, the Painter*, by Eugene Mirabelli (McPherson & Company)

Silver: *The Isle of Kheria*, by Robert Cabot (McPherson & Company)

Bronze: *Collateral Damage*, by Alice Boatwright (Standing Stone Books)

7. Short Story Fiction

Gold: *Fires of Our Choosing*, by Eugene Cross (Dzanc Books)

Silver (tie): *Greetings From Below*, by David Philip Mullins (Salt Publishing) and *Stray Decorum*, by George Singleton (Dzanc Books)

Bronze: *Garbage Night at the Opera*, by Valerie Fioravanti (BkMk Press)

8. Anthologies

Gold: *Too Cruel, Not Unusual Enough*, Edited by Kenneth E. Hartman (The Other Death Penalty Project)

Silver: *No Character Limit: Truth & Fiction from WriteGirl*, Edited by Keren Taylor (WriteGirl Publications)

Bronze: *The Quadrants Series: Debut Novels by Seasoned Writers*, by Robert Ashley, Sumner Carnahan, Thomas Frick, & L.K. Larsen (Burning Books)

9. Juvenile Fiction

Gold: *The Bulldoggers Club: The Tale of the Ill-Gotten Catfish*, by Barbara Hay (The RoadRunner Press)

Silver: *Martin McMillan and the Secret of the Ruby Elephant*, by Elaine Russell (CreateSpace)

Bronze: *Prairie Journey*, Frances Bonney Jenner (Self-Published)

10. Young Adult Fiction

Gold: *The Immortal Von B.* by M. Scott Carter (The RoadRunner Press)

Silver (tie): *Bi-Normal*, by M.G. Higgins (Saddleback Publishing) and *Untraceable: The Nature of Grace series, Book 1*, by S.R. Johannes (Coleman & Stott)

Bronze: *The Elephant of Surprise*, by Brent Hartinger (Buddha Kitty Books)

11. Fantasy/Science Fiction

Gold: *The Samsara Effect*, by Paul Black (Novel Instincts Publishing)

Silver: *Second Nature*, by Mark Canter (Self-Published)

Bronze: *The Colony*, by Blaine C. Readler (Full Arc Press)

12. Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans Fiction

Gold: *I'm Trying to Reach You*, by Barbara Browning (Two Dollar Radio)

Silver: *The Marrying Kind*, by Ken O'Neill (Bold Strokes Books)

Bronze: *Hide and Snake Murder*, by Jessie Chandler (Midnight Ink)

13. Historical Fiction

Gold: *The Wayward Moon*, by Janice Weizman (Yotzeret Publishing)

Silver: *For You, Madam Lenin*, by Kat Meads (Livingston Press)

Bronze (tie): *With Blood in Their Eyes*, by Thomas Cobb (The University of Arizona Press) and *The Raven's Heart*, by Jesse Blackadder (Bywater Books)

14. Military/Wartime Fiction

Gold: *Brock's Railroad*, by Tom Taylor (Hancock and Dean)

Silver: *Sword of Shiva*, by Jeff Edwards (Stealth Books)

Bronze: *The Feasts of Lesser Men*, by Stephen Parrish (Lascaux Books)

15. Horror

Gold: *Wolf Hunter*, by J.L. Benét (Belfire Press)

Silver: *solo/down*, by Lauryn Allison (Chicago Center for Literature and Photography)

Bronze: *Perseverance: A Zombie Tale*, by James Lacey (23 House Publishing)

16. Multicultural Fiction Adult

Gold: *The Last Shepherd*, by Martin Etchart (University of Nevada Press)

Silver: *Red Weather*, by Janet McAdams (The University of Arizona Press)

Bronze: *Across the Mekong River*, by Elaine Russell (CreateSpace)

17. Multicultural Fiction – Juv-Young Adult

Gold: *Three Years and Eight Months*, by Icy Smith; illustrated by Jennifer Kindert (East West Discovery Press)

Silver: *Robinson's Hood*, by Jeff Gottesfeld (Saddleback Educational Publishing)

Bronze: *Tessa's Dance*, by David Edward Walker (Thoughtful Publishing Company)

18. Mystery/Cozy/Noir

Gold: *Walking Into the Ocean*, by David Whellams (ECW Press)

Silver (tie): *Bias Cut*, by Morgan Richter (Luft Books) and *Floats the Dark Shadow*, by Yves Fey (BearCat Press)

Bronze: *Cocaine Zombies*, by Scott A. Lerner (Camel Press)

19. Suspense/Thriller

Gold: *The Jericho Deception*, by Jeffrey Small (West Hills)

Silver (tie): *The Romanov Stone*, by Robert C. Yeager (Abbott Press) and *The Ascent of PJ Marshall*, by Brian Anderson (Self-Published)

Bronze: *Beta Project Avatar*, by A.M.D. Hays (Diadema Press)

20. Religious Fiction

Gold: *The Last Supper Catering Company*, by Michaelene McElroy (Self-Published)

Silver: *The Medal*, by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky (Dog Ear Publishing)

Bronze: *The Crucifixion*, by Theodore Richards (Homebound Publications)

21. Romance

Gold: *The Last of Lady Lansdown*, by Shirley Kennedy (Camel Press)

Silver: *Under the Same Sun: Stone Trilogy, Book II*, by Mariam Kobras (Buddhapuss Ink)

Bronze: *From One Place to Another*, by Carol White (TriMark Press)

22. True Crime

Gold: *In Search of Sacco and Vanzetti*, by Susan Tejada (University Press of New England)

Silver (tie): *Scapegoat: The Chino Hills Murders and the Framing of Kevin Cooper*, by J. Patrick O'Connor (Strategic Media Books) and *Guilty by Popular Demand: A True Story of Small-Town Injustice*, by Bill Osinski (The Kent State University Press)

Bronze: *Ghost Burglar*, by Jack Burch and James D. King (Savage Press)

23. Visionary Fiction

Gold: *Axel Hooley's Death Watch List*, by Scotty-Miguel Sandoe (CreateSpace)

Silver: *Hattie*, by Anna Bozena Bowen (Small Batch Books)

Bronze: *Exophobe*, by D. Kenton Mellott (DKM Productions)

24. Children's Picture Books (7 & Under)

Gold: *Arlo Needs Glasses*, by Barney Saltzberg (Workman Publishing)

Silver (tie): *A Night Time Story*, by Roberto Aliaga; illustrated by Sonja Wimmer (Cuento de Luz) and *Bee Life*, by Lynette Evans; illustrated by Francesca D'Ottavi (Insight Kids)

Bronze: *You Can Count on Gracie* by Joan Harrison (Little Minute Publishing)

25. Children's Picture Books (All Ages)

Gold: *America's National Parks: A Pop-Up Book*, by Don Compton (W.W. West)

Silver (tie): *Whose Egg?* by Lynette Evans; illustrated by Guy Troughton (Insight Editions) and *Rabbityness* by Jo Empson (Child's Play)

Bronze: *Belle, the Last Mule at Gee's Bend*, by Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Bettye Stroud; illustrated by John Holyfield (Candlewick Press)

26. Children's Interactive

Gold: *Drawing Life For Kids: My Art Journal*, by Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art (Queensland Art Gallery)

Silver: *Look at Me, I'm a Monster!* by Sebastien Braun (Child's Play)

Bronze(tie): *Hubble Star Cards* by John Williams (TerraZoom) and *Amigos de Bolsa Chica: Coastal Wetlander Activity Book*, Edited by Thomas Anderson (Amigos de Bolsa Chica)

27. Juvenile-Teen-Y/A Non-Fiction

Gold: *Their Skeletons Speak*, by Sally M. Walker & Douglas W. Owsley (Lerner Publishing Group)

Silver: *Understand Your Self*, by Dale Carson and Kishore Khairnar (Bick Publishing House)

Bronze (tie): *Soup Should Be Seen, Not Heard!* by Beth Brainard (Good Idea Kids) and *Wondrous Creatures*, by Dean Jacobs & Amy Tharp (Self-Published)

28. Multicultural N-F Juv-Teen-YA

Gold: *People Who Said No*, by Laura Scandiffio (Annick Press)

Silver: *I Call Him My Brother*, by Chris Morse and Robel Alemu; edited byCarolynne Krusi (Authorhouse Publishing)

Bronze: *Rangoli: An Indian Art Activity Book*, by Suma O'Farrell (Mazaa LLC)

29. Multicultural Non-Fiction Adult

Gold (tie): *Buried in the Sky: The Extraordinary Story of the Sherpa Climbers on K2's Deadliest Day*, by Peter Zuckerman and Amanda Padoan (W.W. Norton & Company) and *Sounds of the Soul: The Traditional Music of East Timor*, by Ros Dunlop (Tekee Media)

Silver: *Room 306: The National Story of the Lorraine Motel*, by Ben Kamin (Michigan State University Press)

Bronze: *Rushing Water, Rising Dreams: How the Arts Are Transforming a Community*, Edited by Denise M. Sandoval & Luis J. Rodriguez (Tia Chucha Press)

30. Essay/Creative Non-Fiction

Gold (tie): *Looking for Esperanza*, by Adriana Paramo (Benu Press) and *Let Me Clear My Throat*, by Elena Passarello (Sarabande Books)

Silver: *Hoosh: Roast Penguin, Scurvy Day, and Other Stories of Antarctic Cuisine*, by Jason C. Anthony (University of Nebraska Press)

Bronze: *Descanso For My Father: Fragments of a Life*, by Harrison Candelaria Fletcher (University of Nebraska Press)

31. Autobiography/Memoir I (Celebrity/Political/Romance)

Gold: *Margrit Mondavi's Sketchbook: Reflections on Wine, Food, Art, Family, Romance, and Life*, by Margrit Biever Mondavi with Janet Fletcher (Robert Mondavi Winery)

Silver (tie): *Hullabaloo! The Life and (Mis)Adventures of L.A. Radio Legend Dave Hull*, by Dave Hull with Bill Hayes & Jennifer Thomas (Final Word Press) and *Not Only Women Bleed: Vignettes From the Heart of a Rock Musician*, by Dick Wagner (Desert Dreams Productions)

Bronze: *Booker T: From Prison to Promise*, by Booker T. Huffman with Andrew William Wright (Medallion Press)

32a. Autobiography/Memoir II (Coming of Age/Family Legacy/Travel)

Gold: *The Boy Kings of Texas: A Memoir*, by Domingo Martinez (Lyons Press)

Silver (tie): *100 Tricks Every Boy Can Do: How My Brother Disappeared*, by Kim Stafford (Trinity University Press) and *The Language of Men: A Memoir*, by Anthony D'Aries (Hudson Whitman/Excelsior College Press)

Bronze: *Tasting Home: Coming of Age in the Kitchen*, by Judith Newton (She Writes Press)

32 b. Autobiography/Memoir III (Personal Struggle/Health Issues)

Gold: *Bleeder: A Memoir*, by Shelby Smoak (Michigan State University Press)

Silver: *Standing Tall, Book 1: A Daughter's Gift*, by Jacqui Tam (Iceberg Publishing)

Bronze: *Clear Cut*, by Ginny Jordan (Lantern Books)

33. Biography

Gold: *Under the North Light: The Life and Work of Maud and Miska Petersham*, by Lawrence Webster (WoodstockArts)

Silver (tie): *Howard Fast: Life and Literature in the Left Lane*, by Gerald Sorin (Indiana University Press) and *Nelly Sachs: Flight and Metamorphosis*, by Aris Fioretos (Stanford University Press)

Bronze: *Lee Marvin: Point Blank*, by Dwayne Epstein (Schaffner Press)

34. Aging/ Death & Dying

Gold: *Youlo Pages*, by Carol Lasky (Youlo.gy)

Silver: *Journeys With Grief: A Collection of Articles About Love, Life, and Loss*, Edited by Kenneth J. Doka (Hospice Foundation of America)

Bronze: *Our Children Live On*, by Elissa Al-Chokhachy (Llewellyn Publications)

35. Animals/Pets

Gold: *Training Mules and Donkeys: A Logical Approach To Longears*, by Meredith Hodges (Lucky Three Ranch, Inc.)

Silver: *Literary Dogs & Their South Carolina Writers*, Edited by John Lane and Betsy Wakefield Teter (Hub City Press)

Bronze: *My Dog Always Eats First: Homeless People and Their Animals*, by Leslie Irvine (Lynne Rienner Publishers)

36. Business/Career/Sales

Gold: *Leadocracy*, by Geoff Smart (Greenleaf Book Group Press)

Silver (tie): *Change-Friendly Leadership*, by Dr. Rodger Dean Duncan (Maxwell Stone Publishing) and *Finding the Next Steve Jobs*, by Nolan Bushnell with Gene Stone (Net Minds Corporation)

Bronze: *Investigative Interviewing: A Guide for Workplace Investigators*, by Harriet Stacey & Alison Page (WISE Workplace)

37. Classical Studies/Philosophy

Gold: *The Eternal Law: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Modern Physics, and Ultimate Reality*, by John H. Spencer, PhD (Param Media)

Silver: *On Governance Cor Publicum: The Evolution of Res Publica*, by Franca Baroni (Samsara Press)

Bronze: *To Find the Way of Love: The Purpose of Our Existence*, by Oliver E. Deehan (AuthorHouse)

38. Coffee Table Books

Gold: *TeaTime: A Taste of London's Best Afternoon Teas*, by Jean Cazals (Papadakis)

Silver: *London!* by Marc Hoberman (Hoberman Photographic Publishers)

Bronze: *The Grand Medieval Bestiary: Animals in Illuminated Manuscripts*, by Christian Heck & Remy Cordonnier (Abbeville Press)

39. Cookbooks

Gold: *Amalia's Guatemalan Kitchen*, by Amalia Moreno-Damgaard (Beaver's Pond Press)

Silver: *Stella's Sephardic Table*, by Stella Cohen; photographed by Marc Hoberman (The Gerald & Marc Hoberman Collection)

Bronze (tie): *Afield: A Chef's Guide to Preparing Wild Game and Fish*, by Jesse Griffiths; photographed by Jody Horton (Welcome Books) and *Cottage Place Flavors*, by Frank Branham (Hawthorne Gardens Publishing)

40. Current Events I (Political/Economic/Legal/Media)

Gold: *What the U.S. Can Learn from China*, by Ann Lee (Barrett-Koehler Publishers)

Silver: *How Our Government Really Works, Despite What They Say*, by Daniel R. Rubin (Bardolf & Company)

Bronze: *Fifteen Steps to Corporate Feudalism*, by Dennis Marker (One Standard Press)

41. Current Events II (Social Issues/Public Affairs/Ecological/Humanitarian)

Gold: *The People's Pension: The Struggle to Defend Social Security Since Reagan*, by Eric Laursen (AK Press)

Silver: *Rust Belt Resistance: How a Small Community Took on Big Oil and Won*, by Perry Bush (The Kent State University Press)

Bronze (tie): *Zooland: The Institution of Captivity*, by Irus Braverman (Stanford University Press) and *Green Illusions: The Dirty Secrets of Clean Energy and the Future of Environmentalism*, by Ozzie Zehner (University of Nebraska Press)

42. Current Events III (Foreign Affairs/Military)

Gold: *No War for Oil: U.S. Dependency and the Middle East*, by Ivan Eland (The Independent Institute)

Silver: *Warrior Nation: Rebranding Canada in an Age of Anxiety*, by Ian McKay & Jamie Swift (Between the Lines)

Bronze: *Vietnam Through Rose-Colored Glasses*, by Richard S. Rose (Self-Published)

43a. Education I (Workbook/Resource)

Gold: *Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide 2.0* (Project WET Foundation)

Silver: *All About Reading, Level 1*, by Marie Rippel (All About Learning Press)

Bronze: *Tools for Thoughtful Assessment: Classroom-Ready Techniques for Improving Teaching and Learning*, by Abigail L. Boutz, Harvey F. Silver, Joyce W. Jackson, and Matthew J. Perini (Silver Strong & Associates)

43b. Education II (Commentary/Theory)

Gold: *College: What It Was, Is, and Should Be*, by Andrew Delbanco (Princeton University Press)

Silver: *White Coats: Three Journeys Through an American Medical School*, by Jacqueline Marino (The Kent State University Press)

Bronze: *Breaking Through: Effective Instruction & Assessment for Reaching English Learners*, Edited by Margarita Calderón (Solution Tree Press)

44. Environment/Ecology/Nature

Gold: *Fierce Beauty: Preserving the World of Wild Cats*, by Bhagavan Antle (Earth Aware Editions)

Silver: *Middlewood Journal: Drawing Inspiration from Nature*, by Helen Scott Correll (Hub City Press)

Bronze (tie): *Crabgrass Crucible: Suburban Nature and the Rise of Environmentalism in Twentieth Century America*, by Christopher C. Sellers (University of North Carolina Press) and *Greening Vermont: The Search for a Sustainable State*, by Elizabeth Courtney and Eric Zencey (Vermont Natural Resources Council and Thistle Hill Publications)

45. Erotica

Gold: *The Harder She Comes*, by D.L. King (Cleis Press)

Silver: *Buccaneer Island*, by J.P. Beausejour (Bold Strokes Books)

Bronze: *Stretched: Erotic Fiction that Fondles the Imagination*, Edited by Tinder James (Rubicund)

Publishing)

46. Finance/Investment/Economics

Gold: *Restoring the American Dream One Portfolio at a Time*, by Bob Kolar (Ampersand, Inc.)

Silver: *Fearless Retirement: How to Retire Without Financial Worry*, by Conrad Toner (Financial Doctor Press)

Bronze: *The Rainforest: The Secret to Building the Next Silicon Valley*, by Victor W. Hwang & Greg Horowitz (Regenwald)

47. Gay/Lesbian - Non-Fiction:

Gold: *Riding Fury Home: A Memoir*, by Chana Wilson (Seal Press)

Silver: *A Simple Revolution: The Making of an Activist Poet*, by Judy Grahn (Aunt Lute Books)

Bronze (tie): *Transitions of the Heart: Stories of Love, Struggle, and Acceptance by Mothers of Transgender and Gender Variant Children*, Edited by Rachel Pepper (Cleis Press) and *A Father's Angels: A Memoir*, by John Waldron (Hurst Blandon Press)

48. Gift/Specialty/Journal

Gold: *No Lumps, Thank You: A Bra Anthologie*, by Meg Spielman Peldo (Schiffer Publishing)

Silver: *Fundamentally Female*, by Reneé Rongen (Kittleson Creek Press)

Bronze: *Shades of Eden*, by Barbara Evans (Crystal Wings Healing Art)

49. Holiday

Gold: *A Very Virginia Christmas*, Edited by Wilford Kale (Parke Press)

Silver: *The Story of Christmas Brittle*, by Lee Zalben (Peanut Butter & Co.)

Bronze: *Emma's American Chinese New Year*, by Amy Meadows (Outskirts Press)

50. Health/Medicine/Nutrition

Gold: *The Take-Charge Patient*, by Martine Ehrenclou (Lemon Grove Press)

Silver: *Priceless: Curing the Healthcare Crisis*, by John C. Goodman (The Independent Institute)

Bronze: *No Sugar Added: Straight Talk from Those Living With Diabetes*, by Jean Norris & Michael J. Norris (Norton Norris, Inc.)

51. Graphic Novel/Drawn Book – Humor/Cartoon

Gold: *Best Editorial Cartoons of the Year: 2013 Edition*, Edited by Steve Kelley (Pelican Publishing Company)

Silver: *Cartoons from Maine*, by Jeff Pert (Down East Books)

Bronze: *Bumbling Through Hong Kong*, by Tom Schmidt (Kakibubu Media Limited)

52. Graphic Novel/Drawn Book – Drama/Documentary

Gold: *Jerusalem: Chronicles from the Holy City*, by Guy Delisle (Drawn & Quarterly)

Silver: *Goliath*, by Tom Gauld (Drawn & Quarterly)

Bronze: *Understanding China Through Comics, Volume 1 & 2*, by Jing Liu (MOLI)

53. History (U.S.)

Gold: *When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail*, by Eric Jay Dolin (Liveright)

Silver: *The First Ladies of the United States of America*, by Allida Black (White House Historical Association)

Bronze (tie): *Monumental Money: People and Places on U.S. Paper Money*, by Yigal Arkin (Arkin Publishing) and *Homefront & Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War*, by Madelyn Shaw and Lynne Zacek Bassett (American Textile History Museum)

54. History (World)

Gold: *Unvanquished: Joseph Pilsudski, Resurrected Poland, and the Struggle for Eastern Europe*, by Peter Hetherington (Pingora Press)

Silver: *The Holocaust, the Church, and the Law of Unintended Consequences: How Christian Anti-Judaism Spawned Nazi Anti-Semitism*, by Anthony J. Sciolino (iUniverse)

Bronze: *Border Crossings: Coming of Age in the Czech Resistance*, by Charles Novacek (1021 Press)

55. Home & Garden

Gold: *The Four Season Farm Gardener's Cookbook*, by Barbara Damrosch & Eliot Coleman (Workman Publishing)

Silver: *The Seasoned Gardener*, by Carolyn Singer (Garden Wisdom Press)

Bronze: *Seeds: Time Capsules of Life*, by Wolfgang Stuppy & Rob Kessler (Earth Aware Editions)

56. How-To (Crafts/Hobby/Industrial Arts)

Gold: *Flower Arranging: The Complete Guide for Beginners*, by Judith Blacklock (The Flower Press)

Silver: *The Pocket Paper Engineer, Volume 3*, by Carol Barton (Popular Kinetics Press)

Bronze: *Essential Principles of Horseshoeing: Foundation Guide to Sound Trimming and Shoeing*, by Dr. Doug Butler, Jacob Butler, & Peter Butler (Doug Butler Enterprises)

57. Humor

Gold (tie): *Humor In Craft*, by Brigitte Martin (Schiffer Publishing) and *The Scoop on Breasts: A Plastic Surgeon Busts the Myths*, by Dr. Ted Eisenberg & Joyce K. Eisenberg (Incompra Press)

Silver: *The Complete Funky Winkerbean, Volume 1 (1972-1974)*, by Tom Batiuk (Black Squirrel Books)

Bronze: *6.5 Habits of Moderately Successful Poets*, by Jeffrey Skinner (Sarabande Books)

58. Inspirational/Spiritual

Gold: *Stop Living In This Land, Go To The Everlasting World Of Happiness, Live There Forever* by Woo Myung (Cham Books)

Silver: *Touchstones: Stories for Living the Twelve Gifts*, by Charlene Costanzo (Featherfew)

Bronze (tie): *Rockpeople: Beyond Chester Creek*, by Joel Carter (Canukshuk Publishing) and *Overcome: Burned, Blinded, and Blessed*, by Carmen Blandin Templeton (Writers of the Roundtable Press)

59. New Age (Mind-Body-Spirit)

Gold: *The 11 Karmic Spaces: Choosing Freedom from the Patterns That Bind You*, by Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati (Kashi Publishing)

Silver: *The Awakened Aura: Experiencing the Evolution of Your Energy Body*, by Kala Ambrose (Llewellyn Worldwide)

Bronze: *The Good Energy Book*, by Tess Whitehurst (Llewellyn Worldwide)

60. Parenting

Gold: *Stress Solutions for Pregnant Moms: How Breaking Free from Stress Can Boost Your Baby's Potential*, by Susan Andrews, PhD (Twin Span Press)

Silver: *The Foster Parenting Toolbox*, Edited by Kim Phagan-Hansel (EMK Press)

Bronze: *Choosing Fatherhood: America's Second Chance*, by Lewis Kostiner (George F. Thompson Publishing)

61. Poetry

Gold: *City of Slow Dissolve*, by John Chávez (University of New Mexico Press)

Silver: *Wine for a Shotgun*, by Marty McConnell (EM Press)

Bronze (tie): *Sacrilegion*, by L. Lamar Wilson (Carolina Wren Press) and *Good Grief*, by Stevie Edwards (Write Bloody Books)

62. Popular Culture/Leisure

Gold (tie): *The King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson*, by Michael Bush (Insight Editions) and *The Dark Knight Manual: Tools, Weapons, Vehicles & Documents from the Batcave*, by Brandon T. Snyder (Insight Editions)

Silver: *Who Is The Doctor: The Unofficial Guide to Dr. Who*, by Graeme Burk & Robert Smith? (ECW Press)

Bronze: *Schiaparelli & Prada: Impossible Conversations*, by Andrew Bolton and Harold Koda (The Metropolitan Museum of Art)

63. Psychology/Mental Health

Gold: *The Fear & Anxiety Solution*, by Friedemann Schaub, MD, PhD (Sounds True, Inc.)

Silver: *Family Types: A Guide to Better Parenting Using Personality Types*, by Selah Rose Cambias (Self-Published)

Bronze: *Operation Daughters Addicted*, by Sandy Mullen and Cathy Napier (Inkwater Press)

64. Sports/Fitness/Recreation

Gold: *The Glory Years of the Detroit Tigers: 1920-1950*, by William M. Anderson (Wayne State University Press)

Silver (tie): *Just Ride*, by Grant Petersen (Workman Publishing) and *A Million Wings*, by Susan Schadt (Wild Abundance Publishing Co.)

Bronze: *Krav Maga Weapon Defenses*, by David Kahn (YMAA Publication Center)

65. Reference

Gold: *Baja California Plant Guide*, by Jon P. Rebman & Norman C. Roberts (Sunbelt Publications)

Silver: *How to Write Heartfelt Letters to Treasure: For Special Occasions and Occasions Made Special*, by Lynette M. Smith (All My Best)

Bronze: *Blood on the Stage, 1975-2000*, by Amnon Kabatchnik (Scarecrow Press)

66. Religion

Gold (tie): *Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare in Egypt, Israel, Italy, and the United States*, by Nancy J. Davis & Robert V. Robinson (Indiana University Press) and *From the Shahs to Los Angeles: Three Generations of Iranian Jewish Women Between Religion and Culture*, by Saba Soomekh (SUNY Press)

Silver: *The Path of Centering Prayer*, by David Frenette (Sounds True, Inc.)

Bronze: *The Layman's Gospel Harmony*, by Nathaniel Huntting Sherrill (Move Mountain Press)

67. Science

Gold: *Green Universe: A Microscopic Voyage Into the Plant Cell*, by Stephen Blackmore (Papadakis)

Silver: *10 PRINT CHR\$(205.5+RND(1)); : GOTO 10*, by Nick Montfort, Patsy Baudoin, John Bell, Ian Bogost, Jeremy Douglass, Mark C. Marino, Michael Mateas, Casey Reas, Mark Sample, and Noah Vawter (The MIT Press)

Bronze: *Exploring Mars: Chronicles from a Decade of Discovery*, by Scott Hubbard (The University of Arizona Press)

68. Self Help

Gold: *Living the Life You Love: The No-Nonsense Guide to Total Transformation*, by Paula Renaye (Diomo Books)

Silver (tie): *Mindfulness for Beginners*, by Jon Kabat-Zinn (Sounds True, Inc.) and *The 5 Elements of Effective Thinking*, by Edward B. Burger & Michael Starbird (Princeton University Press)

Bronze: *30 Days to Better Thinking and Better Living Through Critical Thinking*, by Dr. Linda Elder and Dr. Richard Paul (FT Press)

69. Sexuality/Relationships

Gold: *Great Sex Made Simple*, by Mark A. Michaels & Patricia Johnson (Llewellyn Worldwide)

Silver: *150 Shades of Play: A Beginner's Guide to Kink*, by Em & Lo (Better Half Books)

Bronze: *Rewire Your Brain for Love: Vibrant Relationships Using the Science of Mindfulness*, by Marsha Lucas, PhD (Hay House)

70. Transportation (Automotive/Aviation/Railroad)

Gold: *Museo Ducati: Six Decades of Classic Motorcycles from the Official Ducati Museum*, by Chris Jonnum; photographed by Peter Harholdt (David Bull Publishing)

Silver: *Alaska Airlines: A Visual Celebration*, by Cliff & Nancy Hollenbeck (Hollenbeck Productions)

Bronze: *Ferrari FXX Inside Out*, by Philip Bachman (Self-Published)

71. Travel Essay

Gold: *Maya Roads: One Woman's Journey Among the People of the Rainforest*, by Mary Jo McConahay (Chicago Review Press)

Silver: *Bonjour 40: A Paris Travel Log*, by Karen A. Chase (Self-Published)

Bronze: *The Long and Whining Road*, by Simeon Courtie (Simantics Ltd.)

72. Travel Guidebook

Gold: *The Metropolitan Museum of Art Guide*, by Mark Polizzotti, Editor in Chief (The Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Silver: *On the High Line: Exploring America's Most Urban Park*, by Annik La Farge (Thames & Hudson)

Bronze: *Naughty Girl's Guide to Los Angeles*, by Sienna Sinclair (Naughty Girl Press)

73. Women's Issues

Gold: *Structural Violence: Hidden Brutality in the Lives of Women*, by Joshua M. Price (SUNY Press)

Silver: *Momma Love: How the Mother Half Lives*, by Ali Smith (Thunder Baby Press)

Bronze: *Pregnancy, Motherhood, and Choice in Twentieth Century Arizona*, by Mary S. Melcher (The University of Arizona Press)

74. Writing/Publishing

Gold: *How to Publish Your Own Photography Book*, by Laurie Shock (Shock Design Books)

Silver: *Forensic Science for Writers*, by Phill Jones (Self-Published)

Bronze (tie): *Author YOU: Creating and Building the Author and Book Platforms* by Judith Briles (Mile High Press) and *TellTale Souls: Writing the Mother Memoir*, by Lynn Cook Henriksen (Indigo Roads Press)

75. Best Book Marketing

Gold: *Room 939: 15 Minutes of Horror, 20 Years of Healing*, by Jenny Lynn Anderson (Lewis Publishing)

Silver: *The UNHysterectomy: Solving Your Painful, Heavy Bleeding Without Major Surgery*, by Holly Bridges (Holly Bridges Communications)

Bronze: *Bubble Tubbie*, by Epiphany Schwarz (Black Catapult Publishing/Epiphany Schwarz LLC)

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2013 Independent Publisher Regional Book Awards Results

These regional “IPPYs” were designed to spotlight the best regional titles from around North America and Australia/New Zealand. Books were judged alongside other books for and about their regions only, based on their quality and regional significance.

U.S. North-East - Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *The Illusion of Secondhand Smoke*, by Janice M. Van Dyck (Winston-Higgins Press)

Silver: *The Year of Soup*, by Howard Reiss (Krance Publishing)

Bronze: *Matinicus: An Island Mystery*, by Darcy Scott (Maine Authors Publishing)

U.S. North-East - Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Boon Island*, by Andrew Vietze and Stephen Erickson (Globe Pequot Press)

Silver: *Heroes in the Attic: The Untold Story of Two Civil War Soldiers*, by Dennis P. Bielewicz (Self-Published)

Bronze (tie): *Urban Mayor: Making a City Work*, by Jack Yunits (Acanthus Publishing) and *Bountiful: A History of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society and the Livestock Show and Fair*, by Susan Klein (Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society)

Mid-Atlantic – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *The Restaurant at the End of the World*, by Kenneth Womack (Mint Hill Books)

Silver: *Love and Other Subjects*, by Kathleen Shoop (Self-Published)

Bronze: *The Killdeer*, by Northcott Mayes (Koehler Books)

Mid-Atlantic – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *A Natural History of the Central Appalachians*, by Steven L. Stephenson (West Virginia University Press)

Silver: *Handley Regional Library: The First One Hundred Years*, by the 100th Anniversary Book Committee (Handley Regional Library)

Bronze (tie): *Stories from a Small Town: Remembering My Childhood in Hedgesville, West Virginia*, by Roger Engle (Girls On Press) and *Good Blood, Bad Blood*, by J. David Smith & Michael Wehmeyer (AAIDD)

South-East – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Southern Fried Lies*, by Susan Snowden (Archer Hill Publishing)

Silver: *The Gospel According to Prissy*, by Barbara Casey (Strategic Media Books)

Bronze: *Code of the Forest*, by John Buchan (Juggling Board Press)

South-East – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *A Landscape and Its Legacy: The Parklands of Floyds Fork*, Edited by Dianne Aprile; designed by Julius Friedman (21st Century Parks, Inc.)

Silver (tie): *Painting North Carolina: A Visual Journey*, by Kimberlee C. Maselli (Creative Pursuits) and *150 Years: Ravenscroft*, by Laurie Shock and Billy Howard (Shock Design Books)

Bronze: *In the Red: The 2001 Season With Dale Earnhardt, Jr.*, by Jade Gurs (Octane Press)

South – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *The Politics of Barbecue*, by Blake Fontenay (John F. Blair Publisher)

Silver: *Dirty Rice: A Season in the Evangeline League*, by Gerald Duff (University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press)

Bronze: *Bad Way Out*, by C. Hoyt Caldwell (Indie Uprising Media)

South – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *The Delta: Landscapes, Legends, and Legacies of Mississippi's Most Storied Region*, edited by

Melissa Baker Townsend (Coopwood Publishing)

Silver (tie): *Hell or High Water: How Cajun Fortitude Withstood Hurricanes Rita and Ike*, by Ron Thibodeaux (University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press) and *Home to Us: Six Stories of Saving the Land*, by Varina Willse & Nancy Rhoda (University of Tennessee Press)

Bronze: *Hairspray, High Heels, & Second Hand Smoke*, by Frank Meyner (CreateSpace)

Great Lakes – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Apostle Islands: A Novel*, by Tommy Zurhellen (Atticus Books)

Silver: *Giddyap Tin Lizzie*, by Harold William Thorpe (Little Creek Press)

Bronze: *Souviens*, by Barbara Darling Saxena (2 Moon Press)

Great Lakes – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Detroit's Historic Places of Worship*, by Marla O. Collum, Barbara E. Krueger, and Dorothy Kostuch (Wayne State University Press)

Silver: *Giving It All Away: The Story of William W. Cook and His Michigan Law Quadrangle*, by Margaret A. Leary (Newport Research Press)

Bronze (tie): *Indiana Covered Bridges*, by Marsha Williamson Mohr (Indiana University Press) and *Art of Winter: A Photographic Essay*, by Julie M. Covert (Whitehead Press)

Mid-West – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Ben Armstrong's Strange Trip Home*, by David Allan Cates (Self-Published)

Silver: *Flint Bluff: An American Saga*, by James Duermeyer (Duermeyer Books)

Bronze: *The Waterhouse*, by Jubal Tiner (Press 53)

Mid-West – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Save the Last Dance: A Story of North American Grassland Grouse*, by Joel M. Vance; photography by Noppadol Paothong (Noppadol Paothong Photography, LLC)

Silver: *Damming the Osage: The Conflicted Story of Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Reservoir*, by Leland & Crystal Payton (Lens & Pen Press)

Bronze (tie): *Chickasaw Lives, Volume Four: Tribal Mosaic*, by Richard Green (Chickasaw Press) and *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*, by Glen Ediger (Self-Published)

West-Mountain – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *The Soledad Crucifixion*, by Nancy Wood (University of New Mexico Press)

Silver: *Maps of Fate*, by Reid Lance Rosenthal (Rockin' SR Publishing)

Bronze: *An Apricot Year*, by Martha Egan (Papalote Press)

West-Mountain – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Three Ranches*, by Will & Deni McIntyre (Loose Ends Press)

Silver (tie): *Color Country: Touring the Colorado Plateau*, by Susan M. Neider (Rainstone Press) and *Canvas of Clay: Seven Centuries of Hopi Ceramic Art*, by Edwin L. Wade and Allan Cooke (El Otro Lado)

Bronze: *Sleeping on the Summit: Colorado Fourteener High Bivys*, by Jon Kedrowski and Chris Tomer (Westcliffe Publishers)

West-Pacific – Best Regional Fiction

Gold (tie): *Out of the Shadows*, by Kimberly Carlson (First Snow Publishing House) and *Nowhere Yet*, by Edward Cozza (Pinot Dog)

Silver: *Pig Behind the Bear*, by Maria Nieto (Florico Press)

Bronze: *Riders of the Tides*, by Frederick Cooper (Langdon Street Press)

West-Pacific – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Portrait Alaska*, by Clark James Mishler (Yes Alaska Press)

Silver: *You Can't Eat Dirt: Leading America's First All-Women Tribal Council and How We Changed Palm Springs*, by Vyola J. Ortner and Diana C. du Pont (Fan Palm Research Project)

Bronze (tie): *Passion for Place: Community Reflections on the Carmel River Watershed*, Edited by Paola

Fiorelle Berthoin, Laura Bayless, and John Dotson (RisingLeaf Impressions) and *Haleakalā: A History of the Maui Mountain*, by Jill Engledow (Maui Island Press)

Canada–East – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Baggage*, by Jill Sooley (Breakwater Books)

Silver: *Angle of Declination*, by Doug Mayfield & Sally Mayfield (Two Harbors Press)

Bronze: *Reflection of the Gods*, by Lisa Llamrei (Alchera Press)

Canada–East – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *Fluctuat Nec Mergitur*, by Jean Claude Roy (Breakwater Books)

Silver (tie): *Unlikely Radicals: The Story of the Adams Mine Dump War*, by Charlie Angus (Between the Lines) and *VIMY: Canada's Memorial to a Generation*, by Jacqueline Hucker and Julian Smith (Sanderling Press)

Bronze: *The World in Your Lunch Box*, by Claire Eamer (Annick Press)

Canada-West – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Cadillac Couches*, by Sophie B. Watson (Brindle & Glass Publishing)

Silver: *Black Arrow*, by Arthur C. Eastly (4th Floor Press)

Bronze: *Twelve*, by Keith Hammond (Blue Genever Publishing)

Canada-West – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *The Butcher, the Baker, the Wine & Cheese Maker* by Jennifer Schell (An Okanagan Cookbook)

Silver (tie): *Wakeful Nights: Stephan G. Stephansson, Icelandic-Canadian Poet*, by Viðar Hreinsson (Benson Ranch, Inc.) and *The BC Coast Explorer and Marine Trail Guide, Vol. 1*, by John Kimantas (Wild Coast Publishing)

Bronze: *Baba's Kitchen Medicines: Folk Remedies of Ukrainian Settlers in Western Canada*, by Michael Mucz (University of Alberta Press)

Australia/New Zealand – Best Regional Fiction

Gold: *Colour of Greed*, by Gavin Fisher (Publicious)

Silver: *3 Minutes to Perfect*, by Baruday Logan (The Blessed Meek Publications)

Bronze: *Jimmy Roo*, by Conny Fechner (Self-Published)

Australia/New Zealand – Best Regional Non-Fiction

Gold: *About Face: A Photographic Celebration of People Living in the Southern Highlands*, by Kate Heaslip (Kate Heaslip and Associates)

Silver: *An Outback Life*, by Mary Groves (Self-Published)

Bronze (tie): *Life, A Little Brown Dog & Shite Like That*, by Michael Riddell (Balboa Press) and *An Awesome Ride*, by Shaun Miller (AKA Publishing)

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Outstanding Books of the Year - (all receive gold medals)

These medalists are chosen from our regular entries for having "the courage and creativity necessary to take chances, break new ground, and bring about change, not only to the world of publishing, but to our society." These are the book projects our judges found the most heartfelt, unique, outspoken and experimental among our 5,000 entries.

Most Original Concept

Dancers Among Us: A Celebration of Joy in the Everyday, by Jordan Matter (Workman Publishing)

Best Book Arts Craftsmanship

Within an African Eden: Golf Courses of South Africa, by Grant Leversha (Self-Published)

Most Likely to Save the Planet

Everyday Heroes: 50 Americans Changing the World One Nonprofit at a Time, by Katrina Fried and Paul Mobley (Welcome Books)

Independent Spirit Award

Perfect Scars: An Exploration of the Emotional and Physical Impact of Breast Cancer, by Beverley Corlett, Jill Lacina and Rosemary Paul (The Perfect Scar Group)

Peacemaker of the Year

A Day in the World, by Jeppe Wikström (Earth Award Editions)

Independent Voice Award (tie)

Syzygy, Beauty, by T. Fleischmann (Sarabande Books) and *Luke & Forrest: My Saviors, My Salvation*, by Donna DeMari (Willow Creek Press)

Most Outstanding Design

Desert Pageantry: The Royal Cavalry of Oman, by Henry Dallal (Henry Dallal Publishing)

Outstanding E-Book Achievement

Psychometry, by Carol Golemboski (Carol Golemboski Ltd.)

E-Book Categories

E1. Best Adult Fiction E-Book

Gold: *The Duke Don't Dance*, by Richard G. Sharp (CreateSpace)

Silver (tie): *Horse*, by Leon Berger (Grey Gecko Press) and *Promise of Departure*, by LW Montgomery (Self-Published)

Bronze: *Mental Pause*, by Anne O'Connell (Self-Published)

E2. Best Romance/Erotica E-Book

Gold: *The Viking's Witch*, by Kelli Wilkins (Medallion Press)

Silver: *Micah's Calling*, by Donya Lynne (Phoenix Press)

Bronze: *Taming Clay*, by Raeann Blake (Self-Published)

E3. Best Mystery/Thriller E-Book

Gold: *Seven Ways to Die*, by William Diehl and Kenneth Atchity (Story Merchant Books)

Silver: *The Oligarch: A Thriller*, by G.W. Eccles (Self-Published)

Bronze: *Highball Exit*, by Phyllis Smallman (Self-Published)

E4. Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror E-Book

Gold: *The Bane of Yoto*, by Joshua Viola with Nicholas Karpuk (FiXT)

Silver: *Queen & Commander*, by Janine A. Southard (Self-Published)

Bronze: *Blue Violet*, by Abigail Owen (Self-Published)

E5. Best Adult Non-Fiction Personal E-Book

Gold: *Witness to the Storm: A Jewish Journey from Nazi Berlin to the 82nd Airborne, 1920-1945*, by Werner T. Angress (Self-Published)

Silver: *Diary of a Predator: A Memoir*, by Amy Herdy (Vincent Publishing House)

Bronze: *The Brilliance and the Madness*, by Anne Margaret MacKenzie (Self-Published)

E6. Best Adult Non-Fiction Informational E-Book

Gold: *A Cybercop's Guide to Internet Child Safety*, by Glen Klinkhart (SecurusMedia)

Silver: *Your Career Your Way! Personal Strategies to Achieve Your Career Aspirations*, by Lisa Quast (Career Woman, Inc.)

Bronze: *Sex Sells: The Sales Process Described Through the Metaphor of SEX*, by Katrena Friel (Self-Publishing)

E7. Juvenile/Young Adult Fiction E-Book

Gold: *wish I could have said goodbye*, by Shari A. Brady (Wise Owl Press)

Silver: *Finding Peace: A Medieval Romance*, by Lisa Shea (Minerva Webworks)

Bronze: *Long Black Veil*, by Jeanette Battista (Self-Published)

E8. Best Children's Illustrated E-Book

Gold: *Red Is...* by Ivy Wong (Ripple Digital Publishing)

Silver: *Every Walrus Can Fly*, by Brian Phillips (The Basement)

Bronze: *Egg Mania*, by Sherry Maysonave (Empowerment Productions)

E9. Best Regional E-Book - East

Gold: *Aspen Allegations: A Sutton Mass. Mystery*, by Lisa Shea (Minerva Webworks)

Silver: *American Prometheus: Captain Bill Jones, the Steel Genius who Made Andrew Carnegie*, by Tom Gage (Self-Published)

Bronze: *A Cape May Diamond*, by Larry Enright (Self-Published)

E10. Best Regional E-Book – West

Gold: *The Art of Scrummaging*, by Enrique TOPO Rodriguez (Self-Published)

Silver: *Getting There: A Gulf Islands Adventure*, by Michael Matthews (Self-Published)

Bronze: *The Girl's Guide to Getting Lost: Hard Hikes for Wild Women*, by Deanna Lynn Wullf (Self-Published)

Congratulations to all medalists for your excellent work and independent spirit!

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