



2018 Annual Writing Contest

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2018 WV Writers New Mountain Voices Student Contest Winners

New Mountain Voices: Elementary School

Judge: [Michelle Buck Lipscomb](#)

Entries: 46

1ST PLACE “A Company of Three” by *Tristan Garcia* of Morgantown, WV

2ND PLACE “My Favorite Place is My Mommy” by *Lora Beth Steele* of Mullens, WV

3RD PLACE “Puppa” by *Ava Bartlett* of Williamstown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “God is Great” by *Eshaal Khan* of Bluefield, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Gymnastics” by *Gavyn Lowe* of Ona, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Halloween” by *Karissa Harmic* of Huntington, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “My Dog” by *Brooklyn Lee* of Mount Hope, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “My Nana” by *Brayden Knight* of Mount Hope, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Sunrise” by *Ava Bartlett* of Williamstown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Deer and the Wolf” by *Ella Giles* of Milton, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Lost Robin” by *Alexis Ross* of Barboursville, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Up Down” by *Tristan Garcia* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “You and Baseball” by *Jaden Adkins*

Honorable Mentions are listed alphabetically by title; order is not indicative of ranking.



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New Mountain Voices: Middle School

Judge: [Sarah Lowther Hensley](#)

Entries: 52

1ST PLACE “The Interview” by *Tiana Tauber* of Parkersburg, WV

2ND PLACE “Little Brother” by *Megan Huff* of Wheeling, WV

3RD PLACE “Popsicle Man’s Camp” by *Salem Foose* of Moundsville, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Greed” by *Emma Del Torto* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Jimmy’s Kingdom” by *Evangelia Berry* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Lost and Found” by *Crystal Greaver* of Weston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Remember to be Thankful” by *Tiana Tauber* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Gift That Changed Everything” by *Skylar Crawford* of Wheeling, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Life and Death of a Snowball” by *Stella Folk* of Martinsburg, WV

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New Mountain Voices: High School

Judge: [Andria Amodt Ho](#)

Entries: 80

1ST PLACE “A Slight Obsession” by *Zoe Vickers* of Hurricane, WV

2ND PLACE “Searching the Skies” by *Ellie White* of Barboursville, WV

3RD PLACE “Jazz Jungle” by *Daniel Coffield* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Rebellion” by *Mary Barker* of Foster, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Monsters Outside” by *Kiteara Sinnott* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Quiet Zone: A Portrait of Green Bank, West Virginia” by *Ellie White* of Barboursville, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “What Were Those Little Yellow Flowers Called” by *Mykaela McLamar* of McMechen, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Your Daughter's Heart Will Break Like Mine” by *Sumer Hughes* of Milton, WV

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Book Length Prose

Judge: [Donna Meredith](#)

Entries: 30

1ST PLACE “We Could Be” by *Jenna Lapointe* of Morgantown, WV

2ND PLACE “Before We Left the Land” by *Dreama Frisk* of Arlington, VA

3RD PLACE “Schafer” by *Timothy Huguenin* of Bartow, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Blood on the Chesapeake” by *Randy Overbeck* of Lebanon, OH

HONORABLE MENTION “Carol’s Story: Beyond Second Impact” by *Nancy Pedigo* of Racine, OH

HONORABLE MENTION “Heather Girl” by *Joseph Bird* of Saint Albans, WV

Children's Books

Judge: [Jerrie Howard](#)

Entries: 20

1ST PLACE “Neighbors” by *Cheryl Kula* of Hinton, WV

2ND PLACE “Caves” by *Erin diStefano* of Morgantown, WV

3RD PLACE “Run, Betty, Run” by *Janet Smart* of Ripley, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Ima Greedly” by *Robert Fouch* of Valley Stream, NY

HONORABLE MENTION “No Heel Behind” by *Jennifer Jerrome* of Columbus, OH

HONORABLE MENTION “Red Riding Hood: Stranger Danger; Making Good Choices” by *Cathy Dougherty* of Charles Town, WV

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Emerging Writers Poetry: The F. Ethan Fischer Memorial Award

Judge: [Molly Fuller](#)

Entries: 28

1ST PLACE “35” by *Katelyn Damron* of Tornado, WV

2ND PLACE “Wandering Womb” by *Sabrina Hartman* of Morgantown, WV

3RD PLACE “Mountain Mama” by *Makayla Baker* of Augusta, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Lines of Confusion” by *Bernice Thompson* of Seneca Rocks, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Satiety” by *Andrew Raines* of Nitro, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Wearing Black” by *Brent Griffith* of Alum Creek, WV

Emerging Writers Prose

Judge: [Wendy Oleson](#)

Entries: 22

1ST PLACE “Hellbender Metamorphosis” by *Elmdea Adams* of Berkeley Springs, WV

2ND PLACE “Spinning Wheel” by *Kam Hopkins McClead* of Parkersburg, WV

3RD PLACE “I First Fail to Save the World / Damnatio Memoriae” by *Patricia L. Miller* of Leroy, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Coming to Terms” by *Joe Burgess* of Winfield, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “John 15:13” by *Donald Becher* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Lightning Dreams!” by *Alexander Weidman* of Morgantown, WV

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Humor

Judge: [Adam Booth](#)

Entries: 49

1ST PLACE “Dead Wood, or the Education of Travis Summers” by *Jon Joy* of Huntington, WV

2ND PLACE “SPAAA v. Steinbeck” by *Laura Roberts* of Wheeling, WV

3RD PLACE “Love and Jeopardy” by *Don Narkevic* of Nutter Fort, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Castle Clause or The Absolutely True Tale of the Haunted Trailer” by *Krista Rembold* of Clarksburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Reading Plastic and Other Acquired Skills” by *Mary Claire Davis* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Thanks to Nuclear Power!” by *Daniel McTaggart* of Morgantown, WV

Long Poetry

Judge: [Jeff Mann](#)

Entries: 133

1ST PLACE “The Cranes” by *Julie Pratt* of Charleston, WV

2ND PLACE “Waste Management” by *Sandra Peasley Bush* of Parkersburg, WV

3RD PLACE “Tolland Man” by *Mary Honaker* of Beckley, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Holy Saturday” by *Matthew DeVore* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “I’ll Never Know You Died” by *Don Narkevic* of Nutter Fort, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Two Boys, 1950” by *Dale Hatfield* of Scott Depot, WV

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Middle Grade and Young Adult: Book Length Prose

Judge: [Julia Watts](#)

Entries: 16

1ST PLACE “Zach's Zoo” by *Joyce Allan* of Milton, WV

2ND PLACE “Trouble in Hemlock Hills” by *Juliana Jones* of Daniels, WV

3RD PLACE “Grin Reaper” by *Robert Fouch* of Valley Stream, NY

HONORABLE MENTION “Hemlock Brook Inn” by *Amber Ray Garcia* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Spectacular Six” by *Deb Jannerson* of New Orleans, LA

HONORABLE MENTION “The Whispering Chimney” by *Jane Freeman* of Morgantown, WV

Mystery

Judge: [Tamara Woods](#)

Entries: 15

1ST PLACE “A Whisper from the Dust” by *John Wimer* of Arthurdale, WV

2ND PLACE “Stones in the River” by *Jim Koenig* of Harpers Ferry, WV

3RD PLACE “The Death and Life of Carl Addington” by *Donald Becher* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Suspension” by *Cameron Patterson* of Rockport, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Case of the Endangered Easter Holiday” by *Jon Joy* of Huntington, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Swell” by *Julian Arbaugh* of Asbury, WV

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Nonfiction

Judge: [Kelly Sunderberg](#)

Entries: 44

1ST PLACE "Diving Lessons" by *Mary Sansom* of Cross Lanes, WV

2ND PLACE "Eating Grief" by *Lydia Cyrus* of Huntington, WV

3RD PLACE "Tonight We Will Be Free" by *Suzanne Samples* of Banner Elk, NC

HONORABLE MENTION "Father's Mountain" by *Julie Pratt* of Charleston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION "Living in Sin" by *Judith Southard* of Williamston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION "Presence" by *Marjorie McAtee* of Morgantown, WV

Screenplay: The Joe McCabe Memorial Script Award

Judge: [Tim Minear](#)

Entries: 34

1ST PLACE "Beard Mountain" by *Erica Lies* of Austin, TX

2ND PLACE "Open" by *Erica Lies* of Austin, TX

3RD PLACE "The UnMagnificent Seven" by *Jacob Wilkinson* of Huntington, WV

HONORABLE MENTION "Attack of the Homunculus!" by *Cameron Asbury* of Danville, WV

HONORABLE MENTION "Love and a Jukebox" by *James Antonini* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION "Vagrant" by *Jacob Smith* of Oak Hill, WV

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Short Poetry

Judge: [Ron Houchin](#)

Entries: 107

1ST PLACE “Pedestrian” by *Earl Keener* of Bethany, WV

2ND PLACE “Severstal Re-Opens the Yorkville Plant in Time for Christmas” by *CJ Farnsworth* of Wheeling, WV

3RD PLACE “In the Night of the Divine Child” by *Susan Sheppard* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Apostrabade” by *David Prather* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Elegy with Fusion” by *David Prather* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Gypsy Music” by *Jesse Stone* of Hedgesville, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Strawberries” by *Thomas Donlon* of Shenandoah Junction, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Angel of Sex” by *Sherrell Wigal* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Thresholds” by *Earl Keener* of Bethany, WV

Short Story

Judge: [Yehudit Hannah Cohn](#)

Entries: 97

1ST PLACE “The Day the Mountain Tried to Kill Me and Ruined My Love Life” by *David R. Long* of Keyser, WV

2ND PLACE “Brandied Fruit” by *Ellen Moore* of Beckley, WV

3RD PLACE “The Robbery” by *Judith Southard* of Williamston, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Crystallizing Moments” by *Jenna Lapointe* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “The Zzt-Zzt Man” by *Alan Simms* of Morgantown, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Yellow Bike” by *Alicia Drumgoole* of Harpers Ferry, WV

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Social Change: The Pearl S. Buck Award

Judge: [Jerri Bell](#)

Entries: 27

1ST PLACE “Not Drowning But Talking” by *Wendy Welch* of Fayetteville, WV

2ND PLACE “#naturalselection” by *Joel Peckham, Jr.* of Huntington, WV

3RD PLACE “Report from Israel and Jordan” by *Thomas Donlon* of Shenandoah Junction, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Development Values” by *Marion Kee* of Redmond, WA

HONORABLE MENTION “Dining Out” by *Sandra Peasley Bush* of Parkersburg, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Fathers Focus on Love” by *Audrey Stanton-Smith* of Beckley, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Jack Speaks” by *Okey Napier, Jr.* of Huntington, WV

HONORABLE MENTION “Pole Dancing in the Bronx” by *Thomas Donlon* of Shenandoah Junction, WV

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2018 WV Writers Conference People's Choice Winners

People's Choice Poetry: Friday

- 1ST PLACE** "Appalachian Beastiary" by *Torli Bush*
2ND PLACE "Wild Blackberries" by *Nancy Belle Anderson*
3RD PLACE "The Boarder" by *Susanna Holstein*

People's Choice Poetry: Saturday

- 1ST PLACE** "Luggage" by *Joe Limer*
2ND PLACE "After Psalm 51" by *Torli Bush*
3RD PLACE "Paper" by *Nancy Belle Anderson*

People's Choice Prose: Friday

- 1ST PLACE** "Jenny's Burger" by *Daniel McTaggart*
2ND PLACE "WV Landowners: Agree to Sell Land for Pipeline, Rebel as soon as Gas Company Isn't Looking" by *Trinity Nicholas*

People's Choice Prose: Saturday

- 1ST PLACE** "Truck" by *Susanna Holstein*
2ND PLACE "Even Werewolves Drink Coffee" by *Daniel McTaggart*
3RD PLACE "Wishful Thinking" by *Nancy Belle Anderson*
HONORABLE MENTION "A Green Girl" by *Alex Wallace*

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Writers Wall Poetry

- 1ST PLACE** "Her Memory" by *Heather Noble*
2ND PLACE "Jesus Smells Like Deep-Fried" by *Jessica Nelson*
3RD PLACE "My Pictures of Grandma" by *Janet Smart*
3RD PLACE "Sir Crows-a-lot" by *Janet Smart*
3RD PLACE "From the Wordsmith's Glossary" by *Jessica Nelson*

Writers Wall Prose

- 1ST PLACE** "Grannyisms" by *Janet Smart*
2ND PLACE "Social Worker of Last Resort" by *Michael Connick*
3RD PLACE "Expired Optimist" by *Erin Novotny*
3RD PLACE "Where She Steps, Nobody Knows" by *M. Lynne Squires*

Writers Wall Youth

- 1ST PLACE** "A Green Girl" by *Alex Wallace*

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