



# 2018 Annual Writing Contest

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## 2018 WV Writers Contest Winners

### 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 *donnarkevic donnarkevic* 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 *donnarkevic* 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 and Writers' Wall 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*