WV WRITERS

CONTEST WINNERS 2020

**Short Poetry: Rob Merritt**
First place: “The Nails of Spring” – Susan Sheppard, Parkersburg, WV
Second place: “Her Own,” listed as “Contest Entry” – Max Heinegg, Medford, MA
Third place: “Haircut” – Thomas Donlon, Shenandoah Junction, WV
Honorable mention: “April Overflowing” – David Prather, Parkersburg, WV
Honorable mention: “Drawing in Four-Color Ball-Point Pen” – C.J. Farnsworth, Wheeling, WV

**Long Poetry: Savannah Sipple**
First: Pack Horse Librarians – Kari Gunter-Seymour, Albany, OH
Second: On the Beach in Rota, Spain – Tom Donlon, Shenandoah Junction, WV
Third: Death Row Interview – Tom Donlon, Shenandoah Junction, WV
Honorable Mentions:
- Meditations on a Bowl of Rice – Tom Donlon, Shenandoah Junction, WV
- Hold Fast – Kari Gunter-Seymour, Albany, OH
- Fall Back - Susan Sheppard, Parkersburg, WV

**Short Story: Eliot Parker**
1st place: Mortar – Stephen Willingham, Glengary, WV
2nd place: A Prediction of Rain – R. Gene Turchin, Fairmont, WV
3rd place: Things Best Forgotten – Cheryl Kula, Hinton, WV
Honorable Mention:
- Skeleton Keys - Beth Darby, Huntington, WV

**Nonfiction: Cicero Fain**
1st Place: 3-Step Mask – Naakai Addy, Dublin, Ireland
2nd Place: Making it Legal: A Lesbian Wedding Abecedarian – June BlueSpruce, Seattle, WA
3rd Place: Mom Cell – Shawna Green, Lancaster, OH
Honorable Mention:
- Asses and Adolescence - David Borchard, Shepherdstown, WV
- How to Wash Your Face – Erika Barker, Morgantown, WV
- Fan Me with a Brick – Victoria Persinger Ferguson, Roanoke, VA

**Topic — LGBTQ: Jeff Mann**
First Place: “Photo of a Naked Man Found on the Internet” – David Prather, Parkersburg, WV
Second Place: “It Will Be Like This” – Earl Keener, Bethany, WV
Third Place: “Google Search” - David Prather, Parkersburg, WV
Honorable Mention: “And Yet, I Digress,” – Glen Cade, Princeton, WV
Honorable Mention: “PRIDE Monologue” – Jon Joy, Huntington, WV

**Emerging Writers Prose: Nick White**
1st - “Hillbilly Mythology” – Brittany Winland, Honolulu, HI
2nd - “We All Love Cyndi Lauper” – Haolun Xu, Edison, NJ
3rd - "Trapeze" – Rebecca Thaxton, Charleston, WV
Honorable Mention 1 - "Post-Traumatic Moon Pie" – Louis Schlesinger, Shelby NC
Honorable Mention 2 - "To Fix What Ails You" – Brittnay McCombs, Morgantown, WV
Honorable Mention 3 - "Back Home Again." -Angelyn Gemmen, Morgantown, WV

Emerging Writers Poetry: Neil Carpathios
First Place: "For the Man Who Colonized My Body" – Hinnah Mian, Charleston, WV
Second Place: "Where We Lived (Friendly View, Dry Creek, WV)" – Jonathon Elliott, Cornelius, NC
Third Place: "The Appearance" – Sarah Robinson, Morgantown, WV
Honorable Mention: "The Roof Bolter" – Rebecca Thaxton, Charleston, WV

Children’s Books: Sarah Sullivan
1st place: FINDING FREDA – Priscilla Ireys, Paw Paw, WV
2nd place: A LITTLE BROKEN – Robert Fouch, Valley Stream, NY
3rd place: IF I LIVED BY A RIVER – Susanna Holstein, Sandyville, WV
Honorable Mentions
LITTLE TRACTOR’S NEW FRIENDS – Patty Peckham, Huntington, WV
THE GREEDY GREEN FISH – John Wimer, Arthurdale, WV

Social Change: Crystal Wilkinson
1st place: Buford's Barn – M. Lynne Squires, Scott Depot, WV
2nd place: Perfect Pitch – Kari Gunter-Seymour, Albany, OH
3rd place: Thick and Thin – Patricia Donohoe, Shepherdstown, WV
Runner up: To Fix What Ails You – Brittnay McCombs, Morgantown, WV
Runner up: I'm Leaving Facebook - Kari Gunter-Seymour, Albany, OH

Screenplay: Jeremy Richter
1st: Almost Heaven – Jon Joy, Huntington, WV
2nd: The First Petticoat Government – Nancy Pedigo, Racine, OH
3rd: Family Secrets – Nancy Pedigo, Racine, OH
Honorable Mention: Turk and Porkchop Go to Washington – John Joy, Huntington, WV
Honorable Mention: Something Wicked – Amabile Milano, Sophia, WV

Book Length Prose: Lee Martin
1st Place: Heather Girl – Joseph Bird, St. Albans, WV
2nd Place: False Deer – Fred Prichard, Lewisburg, WV
3rd Place: The Abounding Pressure of Light – Sandra Griffith, Kenova, WV
Honorable Mentions:
Hitching – Kathleen Furbee, Independence, WV
Surviving Romeo – Daleen Berry, Fairmont, WV
Great Divides – Mary Claire Davis, Charleston, WV

Middle Grade Books/Young Adult Books: Aaron Starmer
1st Place – My Name is Daniel, Robert Fouch, Valley Stream, NY
2nd Place - Rescue Me – Jennifer Weingardt, Huntington, WV
3rd Place – The Runaways: A Billy Rose Tackett Horse Adventure, Brenda Clark, Lewisburg, WV
Honorable Mention: The Day Ted Williams Came to Town – Lisa McCombs, Monongah, WV

Speculative Fiction (Sci-fi, Fantasy, Horror, Paranormal): Lucy Snyder
1st Place: Everybody Shimmies Now – Drew Hardman, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
2nd Place: Red Rain – Heather Noble, Vienna WV
3rd Place: Cross Over – Jane Freeman, Kearneysville, WV
Honorable Mentions:
Winky Bill - Deana Givens – Charleston, WV
The Heart of the Dragon – Cheryl Kula, Hinton, WV
Like Unto Death – John Wimer, Arthurdale, WV

New Mountain Voices, Grades K-5: Laura Treacy Bentley
1st - The Corona-Fighters – Eshaal Khan, Bluefield, WV
2nd - A Halloween Story – Lieschen Kula, Hinton, WV
3rd - The Fox and the Rainbow – Charlie Davis, Charleston, WV

New Mountain Voices, Grades 6-8: Kathy Manley
1st Place - Change – Sydnee Lewis, Logan, WV
2nd Place - Again – Clara Dean, Dryfork, WV
3rd Place - Midnight Men – Jillian Whitlatch, Moundsville, WV
Honorable Mentions:
A Desert Man’s Last Moments – Holly Freidhof, Wheeling, WV
Into the Future – Graci Burns, Lewisburg, WV
From Last to First – Carter Takarsh, Fraziers Bottom, WV

New Mountain Voices, Grades 9-12: Marie Manilla
First Place: “Wonderfully Estranged” (Fiction) – Claire Burbery, Huntington, WV
Second Place: “Private School” also titled “Rainwater” (Poetry) – Elizabeth Warner, Morgantown, WV.
Third Place: “Beauty from Within” (Fiction) – Lucy Chen, Fairmont, WV.
Honorable Mention: “The Ice Pick.” - Chloe Travelstead, Fairmont, WV.
Honorable Mention: “Jane.” – Allison Broughton, Grant Town, WV.