

## 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

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#### **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**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 3-Step Mask – Naakai Addy, Dublin, Ireland

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Making it Legal: A Lesbian Wedding Abecedarian – June BlueSpruce, Seattle, WA

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> - "Hillbilly Mythology" – Brittany Winland, Honolulu, HI

2<sup>nd</sup> - "We All Love Cyndi Lauper" – Haolun Xu, Edison, NJ

3<sup>rd</sup> - "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**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Change – Sydnee Lewis, Logan, WV

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Again – Clara Dean, Dryfork, WV

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.