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# FAPA President's Awards

## Recognize Florida Authors and Publishers

**(Lake Buena Vista, FL)** On Saturday night, August 8, the Florida Authors & Publishers Association (FAPA) gave out its prestigious annual President's Awards for the best books of 2014 and the first half of 2015 by authors and publishers in Florida and throughout the United States. The event, which took place at the Hilton Orlando/Lake Buena Vista Resort, recognized outstanding books by awarding gold and up to two silver medals in categories ranging from children's books to adult fiction, from memoirs to self-help, from business books to e-books.

"The 2015 award winners elevate publishing both regionally and nationally. The awards continue to command the attention of industry professionals and readers!" said Mark Wayne Adams, FAPA President.

The following winners were selected in the following categories by the competition's 31 judges – 27 national state librarians and four publishing professionals:

### CHILDREN'S FICTION

SILVER: *Liesel's Ocean Rescue*, Barbara Krasner, Avi Katz, Gihon River Press

SILVER: *Lost Loot*, D.G. Stern, Deborah Allison, Neptune Press

GOLD: *Lost in Boston*, Jane R. Wood, Florida Kids Press

### CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

SILVER: *Same is Lame*, Jimmy Vee, Mike Motz, Atlas Press

SILVER: *Pelican Pete's Backyard Adventures: Nature Discoveries And Outdoor Fun*, Frances Keiser, Hugh Keiser, Sagaponack Books

GOLD: *Sea Slime: It's Eeuwy, Goopy and Under the Sea*, Ellen Prager, Shennen Bersani, Arbordale Publishing

## **FLORIDA YOUNG CHILDREN'S BOOK**

- SILVER: *Goodnight Gators*, Patricia Baloyra, Ampersand, Inc  
SILVER: *Baby Animals of Florida*, Kathleen King, South Bay Publishing  
GOLD: *Eli's Balloon*, Candace Ruffin, Mark Wayne Adams, The Writing Cane

## **CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK**

- SILVER: *Laura and Grandpa: Discovering Science Together, Book 3*, Dr. Robert H. Krupp, Kristina Edstrom, Simple Science Books  
SILVER: *Lea the Christmas Angel*, Brenda Sue Boulden Thompson, Kayla Lynn Olson, Middle River Press  
GOLD: *X's and O's for Gabby Ann*, Petrell Marie Ozbay, Mike Motz, Adorn, Inc.  
GOLD: *Fast Freddy*, Lee Ann Mancini, Dan Sharp, GLM Publishing

## **FLORIDA CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK**

- SILVER: *X's and O's for Gabby Ann*, Petrell Marie Ozbay, Mike Motz, Adorn, Inc.  
SILVER: *You're a Crocagator*, Kenny Rager, Patti Brassard Jefferson, Halo Publishing  
GOLD: *Sometimes I Dream*, Jose Colon, Jennifer Schmucker, Making Memories Portraits, Halo International

## **YOUNG ADULT FICTION**

- SILVER: *The Sparks*, Kyle Prue, Barringer Publishing  
SILVER: *FreeK Week*, Steve Burt, Steve Burt Books  
GOLD: *An Unrequited Fall*, Leslee Horner, CalBel Productions, LLC

## **FLORIDA YOUNG ADULT (FICTION & NON-FICTION)**

- SILVER: *The Izzy Story*, Ddwlem, Chalice Mitchell, Ddwlem, LLC  
SILVER: *John Horse, Florida's First Freedom Fighter*, Betty Turso, CreateSpace  
GOLD: *The Sparks*, Kyle Prue, Barringer Publishing

## **EDUCATION**

- SILVER: *The Magic Ice Cream Palace*, Jose Colon, Amy Rottinger, Halo International Publishing  
SILVER: *Sometimes I Dream*, Jose Colon, Jennifer Schmucker, Making Memories Portraits, Halo International Publishing  
GOLD: *Parts of Speech Parade, New York City*, Irina Gonikberg Dolinskiy, Mark Wayne Adams, Mark Wayne Adams, Inc.

## **BUSINESS**

- SILVER: *2015 Weird & Wacky Holiday Marketing Guide*, Ginger Marks, DocUmeant Publishing  
SILVER: *The CEO and I.T. Department*, Donald J. Burchell, South Bay Publishing  
GOLD: *Protecting Your Nest Egg*, Page Cole

## **REFERENCE**

- SILVER: *Captivate Your Readers: An Editor's Guide to Writing Compelling Fiction*, Jodie Renner, Cobalt Books  
SILVER: *The Plan that Launched a Thousand Books*, Tara R. Alemany, Emerald Lake Books  
GOLD: *The Little Red Writing Book*, Brandon Royal, Maven Publishing  
GOLD: *The Weekend Book Proposal*, Ryan G. Van Cleave, Writer's Digest Books

## **RELIGION**

- SILVER: *A Taste of Chocolate for the Soul*, Dr. Carol Kennedy, Westbow  
SILVER: *Shiloh Unveiled*, Walter Joseph Schenck, Jr., iUniverse, LLC  
GOLD: *Still Wearing My Heels*, Michelle Frazzetto, Peppertree Press

## **SPORTS & RECREATION**

- SILVER: *Reeling in Time with Fish Tales*, Capt. Brian E. Smith, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing  
GOLD: *A Secret History of the Ollie: Volume 1: The 1970's*, Craig B. Snyder, Black Salt Press

## **E-BOOK ADULT**

- SILVER: *Immigration: Obama Must Act Now*, Leonard Birdsong, Winghurst Publications  
SILVER: *Jupiter and Gilgamesh*, Scott Archer Jones, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing  
GOLD: *The Big Wheel*, Scott Archer Jones, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

## **E-BOOK CHILDREN**

- SILVER: *My Pink Airplane*, Tracy Bryan, Tracy Bryan  
SILVER: *Lift*, Tracy Bryan, Tracy Bryan  
GOLD: *My Silly Dog Gus*, C. K. Carter, Ricardo J. Rodriguez, C. K. Carter

## **SHORT FICTION**

- SILVER: *The Day the Mirror Cried*, Saundra Kelley, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing  
SILVER: *History and Mystery Oh My!*, Sarah E. Glenn, Mystery & Horror, LLC  
GOLD: *Now We Will Be Happy*, Amina Gautier, University of Nebraska Press

## **ADULT FICTION: GENERAL**

- SILVER: *Iron Butterfly*, Lisa Wainland, Twin Tree Press  
SILVER: *Lost Twin*, D. W. Harper, HayMarBooks, LLC  
GOLD: *The Daughter of the Sea and the Sky*, David Litwack, Evolved Publishing

## **ADULT FICTION: GENRE**

- SILVER: *Iron Butterfly*, Lisa Wainland, Twin Tree Press  
SILVER: *Memory House*, Bette Lee Crosby, Bent Pine Publishing  
GOLD: *The Farber Legacy*, George Encizo, CreateSpace  
GOLD: *Good Sam*, Dete Meserve, Melrose Hill Publishing

## **ADULT FICTION: ACTION/SUSPENSE**

- SILVER: *Shark Fin Soup*, Susan Klaus, Oceanview Publishing  
SILVER: *Murder in Nice*, Susan Kiernan-Lewis, San Marco Press  
GOLD: *The Care Card*, Darryl Bollinger, JNB Press

## **ADULT FICTION: HISTORICAL**

- SILVER: *Over Here*, James Hockenberry, HN Books  
SILVER: *Callie Kinser of Brush Creek*, Ron Miller, Antebellum Press  
SILVER: *Not Just Another War Story*, Wayne G. MacDowell, DocUmeant Publishing  
GOLD: *Fate & Freedom, Book 1 - The Middle Passage*, K. I. Knight, First Freedom Publishing

## **ADULT: NON-FICTION**

- SILVER: *Hadrian's Wall Path*, Jane V. Blanchard, Jane V. Blanchard  
SILVER: *Oh My God, I'm Feeling Older and So Is My Mom*, Scott Greenberg, Star Group Books  
GOLD: *Unbroken Circles for Schools*, Ken Johnson, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

## **POETRY**

- SILVER: *Just One Scent: The Rest is God*, Piero Rivolta, Bardolf & Company  
SILVER: *Kinyamaswa: An Epic Poem*, Andreas Morgner, Apprentice House Press  
GOLD: *Dinosaurs Living in My Hair*, Jayne M Rose-Vallee, Anni Matsick, Rosevalle Creations

## **FLORIDA FICTION FOR ADULTS**

- SILVER: *The Care Card*, Darryl Bollinger, JNB Press  
SILVER: *Mercedes Wore Black*, Andrea Brunais, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing  
SILVER: *Mosquito County*, Lucinda Waldron, Outskirts Press  
GOLD: *Save My Place*, Olivia deBelle Byrd, Mercer University Press

## **FLORIDA NON-FICTION FOR ADULTS**

- SILVER: *Shade in the Sunshine State*, Liz Coursen, First Person Publications  
SILVER: *Right Smart to Say*, Robert H. Gore, III, Middle River Press  
GOLD: *Images of America: Key Biscayne*, James Kushlan and Kirsten Hines, Arcadia Publishing

## **BIOGRAPHY**

- GOLD : *Women of Valor*, Joanne D. Gilbert, Gihon River Press

## **AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR**

- SILVER: *Walking to Woot: A Photographic Narrative Discovering New Dimensions for Parent/Teen Bonding*, Jackie Chase, Adventure Travel Press  
SILVER: *How We Said Goodnight*, Rachel Silsdorf, Bardolf & Company  
GOLD: *Blasted By Adversity: The Making Of A Wounded Warrior*, Luke Murphy with Julie Bettinger, Inkshares, Inc.

## **HEALTH & FITNESS**

- SILVER: *Things I Wish I'd Known: Cancer and Kids*, Deborah J. Cornwall, Bardolf & Company  
GOLD: *Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices*, Marion Behr, WWH Press

## **HOME AND GARDEN**

- GOLD: *Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens*, James A. Kushlan & Kristen Hines, University Press of Florida

## **COOKBOOK**

- GOLD: *The Air Diet: Recipes & Tips for Success in Your Allergy-free Kitchen*, Laura Merrill Godfrey, Jigsaw Living

## **POLITICAL**

- GOLD: *Unbroken Circles for Schools*, Ken Johnson, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

## **HOW TO/SELF-HELP**

- SILVER: *The Plan that Launched a Thousand Books*, Tara R. Alemany, Emerald Lake Books  
SILVER: *Traveling Stories: Lessons from the Journey of Life*, Terri Clements Dean, LifeStory Publishing  
GOLD: *Elderly Parents With All Their Marbles (A Survival Guide for the Kids)*, Pamela Carey, Barking Cat Books - Imprint of New River Press

**COFFEE TABLE BOOK**

SILVER: *Walkabout Europe*, Cliff Roles, Bardolf & Company

SILVER: *Coastal Dune Lakes: Jewels of Florida's Emerald Coast*, Nick Stoltzfus, Live Oak Production Group

GOLD: *Birds of Fairchild*, Kristen Hines, James A Kushlan Photographer, Acclaim Press

**HUMOR**

SILVER: *Shorts for the Beach*, J. M. Fisher

SILVER: *Mark Taylor's Checkered Past: S.S. Guilt Trip*, Angelina Assanti, City of Palms Publishing Co.

GOLD: *Oh My God, I'm Feeling Older and So Is My Mom*, Scott Greenberg, Star Group Books

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**FOUNDERS AWARD**

Patricia Charpentier, *Writing Your Life*