



The Word Guild Is Pleased to Announce  
*The 2019 Word Awards Winners*  
Honouring the Best of Canadian Christian Writing from 2018

Hamilton, ON: The 31<sup>st</sup> annual writing awards for Canadian Christian Writers, were presented at The 2019 Word Awards Gala on June 14, 2019 held at Carmen's Banquet Hall hosted by The Word Guild.

Winners for all awards of the gala evening were chosen from competing entries – hundreds of books, manuscripts, articles, short pieces and song lyrics were vying for the prestigious awards. Writers from across Canada gathered to hear of the 2019 trifecta effect; three authors, winning three awards each.

Gala Masters of the Ceremonies, Ron and Ann Mainse were pleased to announce Paul Boge of Winnipeg, MB as the night's big winner. Paul took home the Grace Irwin Best Book of The Year award, The General Market - Life Stories book Category win, along with this year's Debra Fieguth, Social Justice award. Boge went on social media that night to say,

***“My sincerest and deepest thank you to the Word Guild for honoring, The True Story Of Canadian Human Trafficking with three awards last night! I dedicate the awards to all the survivors of human trafficking and to the victims who need to be rescued. Thank you Joy Smith and all the survivors who helped me with this book. Thank you, Larry Norman Willard (Castle Quay Books) for publishing the book. Thank you Steve Bell and all the endorsers the book. Thank you Melissa McEachern and Lorie Hartshorn for all your promotion of the book. Thank you Joel Oosterman for your help and support. And thank you to all my friends and family for supporting this work... Human trafficking is happening in every city in Canada. Youth from all backgrounds are at risk. 90 percent of all victims of human trafficking in Canada are born and raised in Canada.***

***May God continue to raise up people to fight human trafficking.”***

Boge is donating all award money to the Joy Smith Foundation to raise awareness about human trafficking in Canada and to rescue victims. For more information you can visit [www.joysmithfoundation.com](http://www.joysmithfoundation.com)

Sarah E. Ball from Coaldale, Alberta took home the inaugural *David Mainse Best Blog of The Year Award* sponsored by Crossroads Christian Communications. Sarah, a mental illness survivor, inspires others to live fearlessly by sharing her humour, vulnerability and wisdom on overcoming anxiety through her blog [www.saraheball.com](http://www.saraheball.com), online courses, speaking and book - *Fearless in 21 Days* which received the win for the Christian book Inspirational/Devotional Category. The book published by Hachette Books under the Faith Words imprint also was the winner of the inaugural Best Book Cover of The Year sponsored by Cowlick Studios.

Beverley J. Rayner of Ladysmith, BC was also a triple-time winner as she took home the awards in two children's categories along with the Specialty Book award. Rayner's coffee-table book *The Face of Courage* tells the life story of Edith Cavell in such an inspiring manner with beautiful artwork. This masterpiece was published by The Voice of the Martyrs Canada.

A separate media release is dedicated to The Leslie K. Tarr – Lifetime Achievement Award Announcement of this year's worthy recipient, Dr. Deborah Bowen.

**Copies of The 2019 Winner's List Media Release, The Leslie K. Tarr Lifetime Achievement Award Media Release and others can be found in both .docx and .pdf on our [media page](#)**



## The 2019 Word Awards Winners

### ARTICLE / SHORT PIECES (ASP) – CHRISTIAN

#### BLOG

- N.J. Lindquist: Markham, ON “*Mammograms, Breast Cancer, and Me*” (N.J. Lindquist Blog)

#### COLUMN SERIES

- Carolyn Arends: Surrey, BC “*A Curious Pattern*” (Jan/Feb) & “*A Convert's Conversion*” (Mar/Apr) (*Faith Today*)

#### COLUMN SINGLE

- Steve Kennedy: Peterborough, ON “*Making the Connection*” (Testimony)

#### INSPIRATIONAL/DEVOTIONAL

- Rose McCormick Brandon: Caledonia, ON “*Chasing Daisy/God in my Ordinary Day*” (Mennomedia)

#### LONG FEATURE

- Alex Newman: Toronto, ON “*The Shame of Sexual Harassment in the Church*” (*Faith Today*)

#### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mark Buchanan: Calgary, AB “*Let the Sermon be Interrupted: The Church, First Nations, and Reconciliation*” (*Faith Today*)

#### POETRY

- Steve Bell: Winnipeg, MB “*The Name*” (*Novalis*)

#### PROFILE/HUMAN INTEREST

- Jenny Svetec: Terrebonne, QC “*A New Canadian Missionary: The Changing Face of Missions in a Global Society*” (Testimony)

### TERENCE L. BINGLEY AWARD – SONG LYRICS

- Anastasya Laverdiere: Eston, SK “*Seen*”

### ARTICLE / SHORT PIECES (ASP) – GENERAL MARKET PUBLICATIONS

#### COLUMN SINGLE

- National Post Editorial Team: Toronto, ON “*In A Noisy World, The True Power Is In A Silent Night*” (*National Post*)

#### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

- Terrie Todd: Portage-la-Prairie, MB “*Of Love and Undershorts*” (*Terrie Todd Website*)

#### LONG FEATURE

- John H. Redekop: Abbotsford, BC “*Christian Contributions to Political Affairs*” (Excerpt from *The Church In Surrey & White Rock: The Untold Story* - SWR Publishing Company)



## THE DAVID MAINSE BEST BLOG OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Sarah E. Ball: Coaldale, AB “Sarah E. Ball” [www.saraheball.com](http://www.saraheball.com)

## BOOKS – CHRISTIAN FICTION

### CHILDREN

- Beverley J. Rayner: Ladysmith, BC “*The Face of Courage – The Edith Cavell Story*” (The Voice of the Martyrs Canada)

### CHRISTIAN ADULT FICTION - CONTEMPORARY/SUSPENSE

- Linda Stauth: Stratford, ON “*Lake of The Cross*” (Word Alive Press)

### CHRISTIAN ADULT FICTION - HISTORICAL/ROMANCE

- Linda Stauth: Stratford, ON “*Starry Lake*” (Word Alive Press)

### LES PRIX DES MOTS - FICTIVES

- Anne Cattaruzza: Longueuil, QC “*Le Peuple Caché: “Un Scientifique Athée, Aune Missionnaire Improvisée, Un Puple caché, Une Course Pour Les Sauver...” “The Hidden People: An Atheist Scientist, An Improvised Missionary, A Hidden People, A Run To Save Them ...”* (Self-Published)

## BOOKS – CHRISTIAN NON-FICTION

### CHILDREN

- Beverley J. Rayner: Ladysmith, BC “*The Face of Courage – The Edith Cavell Story*” (The Voice of the Martyrs Canada)

### ACADEMIC

- Bruce Hindmarsh: Delta, BC “*The Spirit of Early Evangelicalism: True Religion in a Modern World*” (Oxford University Press)

### INSTRUCTIONAL

- Leonard Hjalmarson: Chilliwack, BC “*Broken Futures: Leaders and Churches Lost in Transition*” (Urban Loft Publishers)

### APOLOGETICS/EVANGELISM

- John Bowen & Michael Knowles: Hamilton, ON “*Good News Church: Celebrating The Legacy of Harold Percy*” (Castle Quay Books)

### BIBLICAL STUDIES

- Ron Mahler: Minden, ON “*The Banquet: Exploring The Greatest Invitation Extended To Humanity*” (Castle Quay Books)

### CULTURE

- Neil Bramble, Frank Bucholz, MaryAnne Connor, Marvin Hunt, Beverley Johnston, Ross Johnston, Lloyd Mackey, Joanne Pepper, Perrie Peverall, John H. Redekop, Jack Taylor, Barbara Warwick: Surrey, BC “*The Church In Surrey & White Rock: The Untold Story*” (SWR Publishing Company)



#### CHRISTIAN LIVING

- Ken Shigematsu: Vancouver, BC *“Survival Guide for the Soul”* (Zondervan)

#### INSPIRATIONAL/DEVOTIONAL

- Sarah E. Ball: Coaldale, AB *“Fearless In 21 Days: A Survivor’s Guide To Overcoming Anxiety”* (Hachette Books with Faith Words Publishing Imprint)

#### LIFE STORIES

- Melody Leclair: Guelph, ON *“When Lightning Strikes Twice”* (Word Alive Press)

### BOOKS – GENERAL MARKET CHILDREN

- Sally Meadows: Saskatoon, SK *“The Underdog Duckling”* (Your Nickel’s Worth Publishing)

### BOOKS – GENERAL MARKET FICTION

#### YOUNG ADULT

- Kathy Berlund-Pagé: Montréal, QC *“The Caves of Fire”* (Word Alive Press)

### BOOKS – GENERAL MARKET NON-FICTION

#### CULTURE

##### AWARD OF MERIT

- Brian Stiller: Newmarket, ON *“From Jerusalem to Timbuktu: A World Tour of the Spread of Christianity”* (InterVarsity Press)

##### CULTURE – WINNER

- Larry J. McCloskey: Ottawa, ON *“Lament For Spilt Porter”* (Castle Quay Books)

#### LIFE STORIES

- Paul Boge: Winnipeg, MB *“The True Story of Canadian Human Trafficking”* (Castle Quay Books)

### BOOKS – SPECIALTY

- Beverley J. Rayner: Ladysmith, BC *“The Face of Courage – The Edith Cavell Story”* (The Voice of the Martyrs Canada)

### FRESH INK {Student Awards}

#### HIGH SCHOOL – SHORT STORY WINNER

- Kaitlyn Weeks: Brantford, ON *“The End of Tomorrow”* (Homeschooled)

#### UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE – NON-FICTION PIECE

##### RUNNER-UP

- Kristen Wood: North York, ON *“You found Me Drifting”* (Tyndale University College: North York, ON)

##### WINNER

- Elise Arsenault: Hamilton, ON *“Companion”* (Redeemer University College: Hamilton, ON)



UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE – UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT (1<sup>ST</sup> THREE CHAPTERS) WINNER

- Chal Forget: Tiny, ON “*Ice Dragon*” (Georgian College)

**WENDY ELAINE NELLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

- Justine Russell: Pickering, ON (Brock University: St. Catharines, ON)

**IN THE BEGINNING {Unpublished Work Awards}**

SHORT STORY

- Janet Hainstock: Moosejaw, SK “*The Best There Has Ever Been*”

POETRY

- Kate Maclean: Red Deer, AB “*That’s Your Life*”

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT (1<sup>ST</sup> THREE CHAPTERS) WINNER

- Lauren A. Harrison: London, ON “*None So Blind*”

IN THE BEGINNING - GRAND PRIZE WINNER

- Lauren A. Harrison: London, ON “*None So Blind*”

**CASTLE QUAY BEST NEW CANADIAN MANUSCRIPT**

- Bosco H.C. Poon: Richmond, BC “*Beyond My Wildest Imagination*”

**SPECIALTY CATEGORY WINNERS**

**HARVEY MACKEY AWARD – JOURNALISM**

- Jack Taylor: Vancouver, BC “*Secularism and Medicine in Canada*” (The Light Magazine)

**THE DEBRA FIEGUTH AWARD – SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- Paul Boge: Winnipeg, MB “*The True Story of Canadian Human Trafficking*” (Castle Quay Books)

**THE LESLIE K. TARR – LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

- Dr. Deborah Bowen: Hamilton, ON

**COWLICK STUDIOS - BEST BOOK COVER AWARD**

AWARD OF MERIT

- Barry Slauenwhite: London, ON “*Strategic Compassion: Reuniting The Good News And Good Works In The Fight Against Poverty*” (Compassion Canada)
- Brian C. Stiller: Newmarket, ON “*From Jerusalem to Timbuktu: A World Tour of the Spread of Christianity*” (InterVarsity Press)



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**THE 2019 GRACE IRWIN – BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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