



The Word Guild Is Pleased to Announce
The 2021 Word Awards Winners List
Honouring the Best of Canadian Christian Writing from 2020

UNPUBLISHED WORK CLASSES

FRESH INK {Student Writing Awards} Sponsored by Rose Brandon, Claudia Loopstra, Amelia Rodin Legal Solutions

Winner for Short Story, High School: Sarah VanZandbeek: Edmonton, AB “*Kings and Captains*”

Winner for Non-Fiction Piece, University: Leah Hart: Guelph, ON “*Landscapes, Passports, Memories: Home*”

Winner for Poetry, University: Kaitlyn Hogeterp: Centreville, NS “*When I am Weak*”

IN THE BEGINNING {Unpublished Author Awards} ~ Sponsored by Eleanor Shepherd

Winner for Short Story: Sharon Vardy Bacon: Port Sydney, ON “*All the Joys of Christmas*”

Winner for Non-Fiction Piece: Sharon Vardy Bacon: Port Sydney, ON “*The White Elephant*”

Winner for Poetry: Kevin E. Van Koughnett: Red Deer, AB “*A Love Letter Declares*”

Winner for Manuscript 1st 3 Chapters: Johanna Frank: Kitchener, ON “*The Gatekeeper’s Descendants*”

CASTLE QUAY BEST NEW CANADIAN MANUSCRIPT

Winner: Jack A. Taylor: Vancouver, BC “*The Persian Prince*”

Runner Up: Melanie Stevenson: Cambridge, ON “*The Things We Never Say*”

DIGITAL ENTRY CLASSES

BEST BLOG OF THE YEAR AWARD ~ Sponsored by Tulett, Matthews & Associates

Winner: Carolyn Watts: Vancouver, BC “*Hearing the Heartbeat*”

TERENCE L. BINGLEY SONGWRITING AWARD ~ Sponsored by The Bingley Family

Winner: Carolyn Arends: Surrey, BC “*To Cry For You*”

ARTICLES / SHORT PIECES (ASP) – CHRISTIAN

INDIVIDUAL BLOG, *sponsored by My Tribute Gift*

Winner: Meagan Gillmore: Toronto, ON “*Dear Church, about living on \$2000/month or less*” (Faith Today Blog)



COLUMN SERIES, *sponsored by Kingdon Truss*

Winner: Carolyn Arends: Surrey, BC “*Go with God: Standing Up Straighter and Virtual Realities*” (Faith Today)

COLUMN SINGLE (CHRISTIAN MARKET), *sponsored by FineTune Editing (Carolyn Wilker)*

Winner: John Bowen: Hamilton, ON “*Can Evangelism be Redeemed?*” (Anglican Diocese of Niagara)

COLUMN SINGLE (GENERAL MARKET), *sponsored by Plank and Pin*

Winner: Parry Stelter: Stony Plain, AB “*Canadian Thanksgiving and the Indigenous Tension*” (The Banner)

DEVOTIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL, *sponsored by Neil Bramble*

Winner: Stephen Kennedy: Peterborough, ON “*Let There Be Light*” (testimony/Enrich)

LONG FEATURE, *sponsored by Stonebridge Enterprises*

Winner: Diane Stinton: Vancouver, BC “*Mary of Nazareth: A Prophetic Voice Calling through the Centuries*” (Crux)

NEWS, *sponsored by Stonebridge Enterprises*

Winner: Sherman Lau, Celina Lam, Joge Lin & Ted Ng: Burnaby, BC “*Longing to Belong: How do Christians live out our welcome and inclusion of minorities*” (Faith Today)

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, *sponsored by FCI Windows*

Winner: Meghan Kort: Terrace, BC “*Different by Design*” (Christian Courier)

POETRY, *sponsored by Michael Robichaud*

Winner: D.S. Martin: Brampton, ON “*Semi-Aubade*” (Crux)

PROFILE/HUMAN INTEREST, *sponsored by Jennifer Willcock*

Winner: Meghan Kort: Terrace, BC “*On Stage in a Dangerous Time*” (Christian Courier)

SHORT FEATURE, *sponsored by testimony/Enrich*

Winner: Jenna Smith: Verdun, QC “*Death and New Life Among Resurrection People*” (Faith Today)

SHORT STORY, *sponsored by testimony/Enrich*

Winner: Sara Davison: Cobourg, ON “*Ten Bottles of Sand*” in the anthology *Before Summer's End* (The Mosaic Collection)

PUBLISHED BOOKS CLASSES

BOOKS – CHRISTIAN FICTION

CHILDREN, *sponsored by Janet Surette*

Winner: Brad and Jen Klassen: Steinbach, MB “*The Kite Festival*” Christopher Barkman, Illustrator (Brad Klassen Publisher)

YOUNG ADULT, *sponsored by Ferndale Bible Church*

Winner: Olivia Smit: LaSalle, ON “*Seeing Voices*” (WhiteSpark Publishing)

SPECULATIVE, *sponsored by Heather Rodin*

Winner: J. Alana Menzies: Markham, ON “*The Misadventures and Tribulations of Princess Persnickety and Stefan the Stableboy*” (That's Life! Communications)

CONTEMPORARY, sponsored by *That's Life! Communications*

Winner: Eleanor Bertin: Botha, AB "*Tethered*"

HISTORICAL, sponsored by *KISI Publishing (Eddie Chu)*

Winner: Susan Anne Mason: Brampton, ON "*A Haven for Her Heart*" (Bethany House Publishers)

ROMANCE, sponsored by *Carol Ford*

Winner: Darlene L. Turner: London, ON "*Border Breach*" (Love Inspired Suspense – Harlequin)

SUSPENSE, sponsored by *Heather Rodin*

Winner: Karen V. Robichaud: Eastern Passage, NS "*Tears in the Desert*" (Word Alive Press)

BOOKS – CHRISTIAN NON-FICTION

ACADEMIC, sponsored by *FCI Windows*

Winner: Aaron White: Vancouver, BC "*Recovering: From Brokenness and Addiction to Blessedness and Community*" (Baker Academic & Brazos Press)

INSTRUCTIONAL, sponsored by *FCI Windows*

Winner: Brett Ullman: Ajax, ON "*Parenting: Navigating Everything*" (Word Alive Press)

BIBLICAL STUDIES, sponsored by *FCI Windows*

Winner: Douglas Harink: Edmonton, AB "*Resurrecting Justice: Reading Romans for the Life of the World*" (IVP Academic)

CULTURE, sponsored by *FCI Windows*

Winner: Parry Stelter: Stony Plain, AB "*Indigenous People and Jesus*" (Tall Pine Press)

CHRISTIAN LIVING, sponsored by *FCI Windows*

Winner: Ron Mahler: Minden, ON "*A Sacred Rendezvous: Pursuing Jesus' Heart for Solitude in a World of Noise and Trouble*" (Word Alive Press)

DEVOTIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL, sponsored by *Kawartha Shed Co. and Donor Gateway*

Winner: David Kitz: Orleans, ON "*Psalms 365: Develop a Life of Worship and Prayer - Volume 1*" (Elk Lake Publishing)

LIFE STORIES, sponsored by *Kawartha Shed Co.*

Winner: David C. Bentall: Vancouver, BC "*Dear Younger Me: Wisdom for Family Enterprise Successors*" (Castle Quay)

BOOKS – GENERAL MARKET FICTION ~ Sponsored by Blossom Turner

CHILDREN

Winner: Moira Gardener: North Saanich, BC "*Where's Elephant?*"

YOUNG ADULT

Winner: Cori Mordaunt: Toronto, ON "*Keep the Light Burning*" (The Bruce Dale Press)

BOOKS – GENERAL MARKET NON-FICTION ~ Sponsored by That's Life! Communications

Winner: Donald Lepp: Gonor, MB "*Heart Broken*" (Word Alive Press)

Winner: Sarah Ens: Winnipeg, MB "*The World is Mostly Sky*" (Turnstone Press)

HARVEY/MACKEY NEW JOURNALISM AWARD ~ Sponsored by The Mackey Family

Winner: Sherman Lau, Celina Lam, Joge Lin & Ted Ng: Burnaby, BC "*Longing to Belong: How do Christians live out our welcome and inclusion of minorities*" (Faith Today)

BOOKS – BEST BOOK COVER AWARD ~ Sponsored by Cowlick Studios

Winner: Preston Pouteaux: Chestermere, AB "*The Neighbours are Real and other Beautiful Things*" (Plesion Studio), designed by Roberta Landreth of Winnipeg, MB

DEBRA FIEGUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Winner: Floyd A. Brobbel: GTA, ON "*Trouble on the Way*" (Genesis Publishing Group)

GRACE IRWIN AWARD FOR BEST BOOK

Winner: David Kitz: Orleans, ON "*Psalms 365: Develop a Life of Worship and Prayer - Volume 1*" (Elk Lake Publishing)

LESLIE K. TARR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Winner: The Honourable David Kilgour

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