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THIRD ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST FOR TEXAS AUTHORS BRINGS OUT THE BEST

AUSTIN, TX – Texas Authors have once again allowed their creative minds to open up and expand the Universe in which they live with short stories that capture one's emotions through the everlasting aspect of storytelling.

In this, the third volume of award winning short stories, the reader is taken on a personal ride of growth and understanding, then through history both factual and fictional as they explore each side of wars. Then fear grabs hold of you and shakes you with terror before unleashing giggles and out-right laughs. Those are just a few of the emotions one will experience as they read these 23 short stories from all parts of Texas.

Texas Authors, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports and markets Texas Authors teamed up with Texas number one eBook store EBG247.com to help promote the contest which had thousands of dollars in prizes up for grabs.

The winner of this year's contest winners are:

Fiction/African American

1st Place - Renne Siewers - *Swish, Swish - The Mistake*

Fiction/Biography

1st Place – Ernie Lee – *Heart Over Mind*

2nd Place - Darlene Prescott - *Early Wanderings and Unholy Revelations*

Fiction/Contemporary

1st Place – Dale Wender - *Concho Diary*

Fiction/Fantasy

1st Place - Grace Allison - *Neville's Pond*

Fiction/Historical

1st Place - Dick Elam – “*Who’s Truman?*”

2nd Place - George Ramphrey – *Texas Two Step*

3rd Place - Joseph Willis – *The Lesson*

Fiction/Horror

1st Place - Larry Morris – *Nightmare*

Fiction/Humor

1st Place - Aaron Ward - *Supererogate Park*

2nd Place - Curt Locklear – *Bee in the Car*

Fiction/Inspirational

(Tie) 1st Mark Allen – *Plain Brown Wrapper*

(Tie) 1st Julie Cosgrove – *The Highway Chair*

3rd Place - Ken Ingle – *Never on Friday*

Fiction/Paranormal

Sandra Fox Murphy – *Passage*

Fiction/Romance

1st Place - Jan Sikes – *Broken Promises*

Fiction/Suspense

1st Place - Joe Kilgore – *Twenty-Ten*

2nd Place - Robert DeLuca – *Faithful Forever*

Fiction/Science

1st Place - Aaron Ward – *Panner’s Final Problem*

(Tie) 2nd Place - Larry Morris – *All in Good Time*

(Tie) 2nd Place - Jan Sikes – *The Forgotten*

Fiction/Techno Thriller

1st Place – Charles Breakfield & Rox Burkey – *The Enigma Chronicles - Remember the Future*

Non-Fiction/Essay

1st Place - B Alan Bourgeois – *Authors Revolution*

This wonderful collection of short stories can be purchased for \$14.95 at one of the sponsors web sites. \$2.00 from the sale of each book is donated to the DEAR Texas literacy programs, which helps get books into the schools, libraries and readers who

may not otherwise afford them. The book is available in paperback, eBook and soon as an audio book. You may also purchase last year's book at <http://Vol3.TxShorts.com>

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