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## **BEST OF TEXAS BOOKS AWARDED** **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest is Largest Collection of Texas Authors**

**TEXAS** - Readers of the exceptional titles selected for Texas Association of Authors (TxAuthors) Best Book Awards, would agree that they are winning reads and top-tier selections in their categories. By any measure, the distinguished books from this year's forty-eight winners are of stellar quality. Readers will love to fall into the pages and climb out with the greatest of satisfaction.

This is the fifth year for TxAuthors to select winning titles by Texas Authors. A sample chapter from each winning book can be found, along with the previous year's winners at <http://Books.TxAuthors.com>

The winners from this year's contest will receive their prestigious awards at the Celebration of Authors Gala event in Houston on July 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Authors Marketing Event happening July 28-30. Authors attending this paramount event will learn new ways to better market themselves and their books in this ever-changing world of publishing.

Each award-winning author will have their book(s) on display and for sale during the weekend event.

TxAuthors promotes authors from the Lone Star State in a variety of ways. The association leverages the knowledge and expertise of various authors to promote their works locally and globally.

TxAutors is currently accepting contest entries for books published during 2017.

**Winners of the 2017 Best Book Awards are:**

African American Poetry    **49: Wings & Prayers**    Van G Garrett – Houston

Audio Book    **Forgotten Boxes**    Becki Willis – Bryan/College Station

Autobiography    **Where the Water Meets the Sand**    Tyra Manning – Boerne

Biography Fiction    **Til Death Do Us Part**    Jan Sikes – McKinney

Children's Book Under 7    **Fred's Texas Stampede**    Diane Shapley-Box - Rockwall

Children's Picture Book    **Arthur Zarr's Amazing Art Car**    Cathey G Nickell – Bellaire

Children's Series    **Sir Pigglesworth**    JoAnn Wagner - Mesquite

Children's Series Spanish    **Dino-Buddies**    Aunt Eebs & Sprout – Houston

Christian Fiction    **The Final Ride**    Linda W Yezak - Nacogdoches

Christian Fiction/Romance    **Emma's Journey**    K Wendt – New Braunfels

Comedy Fiction    **RZA Chronicle Omnibus**    C.M. Bratton – San Antonio

Contemporary Romance    **Secrets of the Heart**    Dana Wayne - Gilmer

Cookbook    **Hamilton Troll Cookbook**    Kathleen Shields – Canyon Lake

Cozy Mystery    **Dumpster Dicing**    Julie B Cossgrove – Fort Worth

Creative Non-Fiction    **Ridiculousity**    Todd Campau - Austin

Crime Mystery Fiction    **The Trail of a Rattler**    Elizabeth A Garcia – Alpine

Dark Fantasy Series    **The Dragonlord Trilogy**    C.M. Bratton – San Antonio

Fantasy Romance Fiction    **Lexin's Quest**    Tamara Hartl - Shiner

Fiction Adventure    **Storms of Fortune**    G D Duhon - Cypress

Fiction/Inspirational    **The Girl Who Could Read Hearts**    Sherry Maysonave - Austin

Fiction/Medical    **Sand and Sutures**    LM Nelson – San Antonio

Fiction/Mystery Series    **The Sisters, Texas Series**    Becki Willis – Bryan/College Station

Fiction-Novella     **Admit One**   Peyton Woodson Cooper - Katy

Historical Fiction   **The Doctor's Wife** Myra Hargrave McIlvain - Austin

Historical Mystery   **An Untimely Frost** Penny Richards - Delight

Inspirational - Non Fiction   **Compassion Magic**       Virginia Hunter Sampson - Austin

Juvenile Fiction     **Mary's Song**           Susan Count - Huntsville

Multi-Cultural Fiction   **A Risky Yet Worthwhile Endeavor** Jaime Perez - McAllen

Non-Fiction/Business   **UNEMPLOYABLE!**         David Thomas Roberts - Montgomery

Non-Fiction/Military History     **The Bloody Fifth**   John F Schmutz – San Antonio

Non-Fiction/Wartime   **June 17, 1967: The Battle of Xom Bo II**   David Hearne - Lumberton

Non-Fictional/Educational   **Texas Alligators**   Darlene Prescott - Pasadena

Poetry                **Ignite**               L. E. Kinzie - Austin

Poetry/Art         **Discovery**       Rick & Jan Sikes - McKinney

Poetry/LeTs Bi Gay         **A Little Boy from Nowhere Texas** Stephen Dunn - Dallas

Religious Fiction     **The Painting**       Kathleen Shields – Canyon Lake

Religious Fiction/Novella   **The Point of it All** Peyton Woodson Cooper - Katy

Romance – Series   **Out of the Box Series**     Jennifer Theriot - Houston

Sci-Fi Series       **New Territory Revealed** Larry Morris - Wimberley

Sci-Fi/Fantasy       **Olympia**           Kris Kramer - McKinney

Sci-Fi/General       **Depths of Perception**   CM Bratton – San Antonio

Spiritual/Inspirational     **Do You Have A Dream?** Grace Allison – Lubbock

Supernatural         **The Throw-A-Ways**       Jackie Smith, PhD - Burlington

Suspense/Thriller    **The Omega Covenant**   Richard Holcroft – Fort Worth

Suspenseful Fiction       **Aquasaurus**         Ernie Lee – Canyon Lake

Techno Thriller     ***Enigma Book Series***     Breakfield-Burkey - Dallas  
Women's Fiction     ***Sanctuary Found***     Deborah Chelette-Wilson - Winnsboro  
Women's Poetry     ***Beneath It All***     K Wendt – New Braunfels  
Young Adult Fiction     ***The Phantom of the Fortress***     Aaron M. Zook Jr.- Belton

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