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North American Book Awards Announces Its 2025 Medalists

HUNTSVILLE, AL – The North American Book Awards is delighted to announce the recipients of its 2025 medals. This year’s program saw an impressive range of submissions from authors and publishers, each evaluated by a panel of literary and industry experts. Medals were awarded to books that demonstrated exceptional craft, originality, and excellence in writing, editing, and design across multiple categories.

The 2025 Medal Winners include:

CHILDRENS

Children’s Picture Book:

At the Ragtag Hotel: The Elevator Ride by Freya Novak – Gold
Monsters Don’t Say Meep by Bridgetta Tomarchio – Silver

Children’s Fiction:

Gona and the Christmas Glitter Disaster by Carla Crane Osborne – Gold
The Banana from Space and Other Stories from Riverstone by Olga Podoprighora – Silver
The Hopeling by Maggie Master – Bronze

DESIGN

Cover Design:

100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research by Stefanie Halpern – Gold
Gona and the Christmas Glitter Disaster by Carla Crane Osborne – Gold
Allie’s Adventure on the Wonder by Erika Lynn Adams – Silver

FICTION

Faith-Based:

The Climb by Javier JWS Forrester – Gold
The Christmas Cherub by Ronda Wells – Silver
Lost Boy by Jacob Blosser – Bronze
The Godchild by S.C. Terlecky

General:

The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor by D R Berlin – Gold
Statures of No Limitations by Judith Fournie Helms – Silver
The Journey from Kamakura by Glen Allison – Silver
Blue Ridge to Bolivia by Judith Fournie Helms – Bronze

Eddie the King Stories of LA's Skid Row by Michael W. Corcoran – Bronze

Later Days by Chip Jacobs – Bronze

Historical:

Arkansas Black by Alexander Blevens – Gold

Hemlock by Philip Holland – Gold

Tomorrow Will Bring Sunday's News by Beth Kephart – Silver

However Long the Day by KJ Kelly – Bronze

Ida Chatfield by T.A. Stevens – Bronze

Humor:

The Serenity Gang by Steve Parks – Gold

Literary:

The Shine of Sorrowful Youth by Asaf Amit – Gold

Arc of the Universe by Nikki Alexander – Silver

Conversations With My Mother, A Novel of Dementia on the Maine Coast by Ronald-Stephane Gilbert – Silver

Running As Fast As I Can by John David Graham – Silver

Allie's Adventure on the Wonder by Erika Lynn Adams – Bronze

Arkansas Black by Alexander Blevens – Bronze

Volta Portugal by Brad Angeja – Bronze

Military:

The Third Estate Secrets of the Manor by D R Berlin – Gold

Mystery/Suspense:

Mask of the Deer Woman by Laurie L. Dove – Gold

The Summer of Haight by George Petersen – Silver

Reservations by Theresa Janson – Bronze

Savage Malice by Kit Karson – Bronze

Romance:

Ghost Writing by Danielle Smyth – Gold

Tell Me That You Love Me by David Rogers – Silver

Outback Summer by Robert Coenraads – Silver

Sci-Fi:

Journey to 2125 by Gary F. Bengier – Gold

Explorer by Roger Floyd – Silver

Short Stories:

There's Nothing Left for You Here by Allegra Solomon – Gold

Detonator by Peter Mountford – Silver

The Kindness of Terrible People and Other Stories by Stephanie Dupal – Silver

Six O'Clock House & Other Strange Tales by Rebecca Cuthbert – Bronze

Under by Glen Pourciau – Bronze

Sports:

The Third Period by Steph West – Gold

Thriller/Horror:

Deadly Vision by Todd Severin – Gold

The Monuments Must Bleed by Clifton Wilcox – Silver

NONFICTION

Animals/Pets:

The Underdog: A Veterinarian's Fight Against Racism and Injustice by Dr. Hakam Bhullar – Gold

Pack Goats Made Simple: The Goat Guy's Guide to Goat Packing by Marc Warnke – Silver

Bio/Memoir:

An Unexpected Ride: The Art of Celebrating Life While Living with a Disability by Non Reyes – Gold

Becoming the Brave One: My Journey to Justice by Amanda Carrasco – Gold

Child X: A Memoir of Slavery, Poverty, Celebrity, and Scientology by Jamie Mustard – Gold

Dance with Somebody by Erika Snyder – Gold

You Are Meant for Great Things by Marcia Donziger – Gold

An Old Man Writing by Joshua Gidding – Silver

Demanding Compassion by William L. Scarlett – Silver

Killing the Butterfly: A Cuban Memoir of Democracy's Demise by Guillermo Marquez-Sterling – Silver

Let's Skip the Bull: Lessons from Dad After Your Mom Died by Daryl Calfee – Silver
 Not Good Enough Girl: A Memoir of an Inconvenient Daughter by Sondra R. Brooks – Silver
 Paradise Cove – They Escaped the Cuckoo's Nest by George T. Nagel and Pini Dunner – Silver
 Walk a Mile in My Shoes: Surviving Life's Challenges by Paul Bradford – Silver
 Bring One Home – A Memoir of Boyhood, Basketball, and Hometown Spirit by Thomas L. Pelissero – Bronze
 Fireproof in the Furnace by Dr. Terri Osborne – Bronze
 Mary Kitagawa: A Nikkei Canadian Life by Karen Inouye – Bronze
 Must: Becoming the Person You Are Meant to Be by Stephen Rue – Bronze
 Odyssey Moscow: One American's Journey from Russia Optimist to Prisoner of the State by Michael Calvey – Bronze
 Past the Gray Curtain: My Road to Full Life as a Person with Disabilities by Sarah Blake LaRose – Bronze
 Shadows to Serenity: A Story of Grit, Grace, and Redemption by Christi Wedel – Bronze

Business Entrepreneurial:
 Small Decisions, Big Shifts: Navigating Life on Your Terms by Chip Scholz – Gold
 Lead Like an Editor: Hire Passionate Teams, Tell Stories That Inspire, and Build Brands People Love by Victor Maze – Silver
 Power Up Product Management: A Quick Start Guide by Allison J. Taylor and Christ Naunheimer – Bronze
 From Founder to Future: A Business Roadmap to Impact, Longevity, and Employee Ownership by John Abrams – Bronze

Business Finance:
 If They Won't Bend, Break Them!®: Tips, Tactics and Strategies You Need to Negotiate Like a Pro by Geoffrey Michael – Gold

Business Leadership/Management:
 Guiding Change: How to Artfully Inspire, Influence, and Drive Lasting Change by Christie Cooper – Gold
 Leadership Uncomplicated: A Practical Guide for Leading Teams With Confidence by Bryan Banta – Gold
 Seeking Fairness at Work: Cracking the New Code of Greater Employee Engagement, Retention & Satisfaction by Hanna Hasl-Kelchner, MBA, JD – Gold
 Building a Thriving Future: Navigating the Metaverse and Multiverse by Paola Cecci-Dimeglio – Silver
 Game of Teams: Discover How to Become a Collaborative Leader by Winsor Jenkins – Silver
 Make Your Destiny Happen: Take Control of Your Life with the Destiny Development Delta Model for Transformational Success by Donzel A. Leggett – Silver
 Impact: How to Inspire, Align, and Amplify Innovative Teams by Keith V. Lucas – Bronze
 The Price of Nice: Why Comfort Keeps Us Stuck and 4 Actions for Real Change by Amira Barger – Bronze
 Undisrupted: Leadership Essentials on Business Transformation, Profitability, and Future Readiness by Ian Khan – Bronze

Educational:
 The CARE Method: Based on the Risk, Need, and Responsivity Model, a Manual for Counselors of Female Clients by Nil Buckley – Gold
 Getting Funded: The Complete Guide to Writing Grant Proposals, 7th Edition by Renee Bourque – Silver

Faith-Based:
 Seeking the Lost: Sheep by Daniel Cramton – Silver
 Grandma's Bucket of Mercy by Robin Carole – Bronze

Health/Wellness:
 Deeply Human: The Science and Soul of Emotional Healing by Dr. James P. Manning – Gold
 To Your Health: A Lifestyle of Health, Happiness, and Confidence by Esther Avant – Gold
 The CARE Method: Based on the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model, a Domestic Violence Curriculum for Male Clients by Nil Buckley – Silver
 Fix the Fire Damage – Your go-to guide when pain first strikes by Ya-Ling J. Liou, D.C. – Bronze

How-Tos:
 The Magic of Imperfection: The ¾ Baked Secret to Unlocking Innovation and Getting More Done by Jason F. McLennan – Gold
 Representing Products: Turn Physical Product Presentations into Purchase Decisions by Rob Langejans – Silver
 HAIR LOSS: Options for Restoration & Reversal 2nd Edition by Gustavo J Gomez, PhD – Bronze

Inspirational:
 This Is the Thing: About Life, Joy, and Owning Your Purpose by Shane Jackson – Gold
 HIDDEN POWERS: How to Transcend Suffering by Glen Allison – Silver

Resilient Activism: Igniting Wild Hope in Uncertain Times by Laurie Benson – Silver
Space to Exhale: A Handbook for Curating a Soft, Centered, Serene Life by Lisa Hurley – Bronze

Parent/Family:

Family Dynamics: Transforming the Hidden Patterns That Shape Us by Thomas Swisher – Gold
Text Messages to My Sons: A Guide to Using Mobile Devices to Connect and Communicate with Your Kids by Tammy J Cohen – Gold
Before You Go: Why You Should Interview Your Parents by Kyle Thiermann – Silver
RATTLED, How to Calm New Mom Anxiety with the Power of the Postpartum Brain by Nicole Amoyal Pensak PhD
Not Good Enough Girl: A Memoir of an Inconvenient Daughter by Sondra R. Brooks – Bronze

POETRY

Poetry:

Someone Else's Hunger by Isabella DeSendi – Gold
Petrichor by Frankie Soto – Silver
In the Good Years by Lara Creste – Silver
Reality Checkmate by Daniel Ruiz – Bronze
No Small Thing by Gabriel Fried – Bronze
Forgive the Animal by Sarah Pape – Bronze

The North American Book Awards remains committed to honoring remarkable books regardless of how they make their way into the world. This year's medalists showcase the extraordinary talent emerging from independent authors, small presses, academic publishers, and major publishing houses alike. We hope these standout works inspire readers to discover new voices, explore fresh perspectives, and uncover stories they may not have found otherwise.

Warmest congratulations to the 2025 medalists!

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