2021 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Matt Bell
- First Place: *Field Guide to the Redshifting Universe* by Warren Hatch (Provo)
- Second Place: *The Dead Elvis Ball* by Cheyenne Nimes (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mention: *Eyes of Scarlet* by Sierra Branham (Spanish Fork)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Nicole Walker
- First Place: *The Wolf Act* by Andrew Romriell (Sandy)
- Second Place: *Portals and Curbs* by Lynnette Riggs (Wellsville)
- Honorable Mention: *Clown Shoes* by Kate Clark Spencer (St. George)
- Honorable Mention: *Lords of Zion* by Richard Steele (Logan)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Poetry, judged by Shauna Barbosa
- First Place: *Gold. Tooth. River. Snake.* by Danielle Susi (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *No Rhododendron* by Samyak Shertok (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mention: *Saints* by Millie Tullis (Smithfield)

Category D: Children’s Book, judged by Leah Pileggi
- First Place: *The Search for Macadamia* by Steven Johnson (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *When I Am a Butterfly* by Lisa Roullard (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mention: *The Apprentice and the Witch* by Alison Randall (Saratoga Springs)

Category E: Poetry, judged by heidi andrea restrepro rhodes
- First Place: “Fugitive” by Lisa Roullard (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: “The World” by Rebecca Billings (Payson)
- Honorable Mention: “Flowers to Paper, Leukemia” by David Knowlton (Salt Lake City)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Natanya Pulley
- First Place: “Immune” by Rosie Ribeira (Lehi)
- Second Place: “A Pinned Moth Under Glass Still Breathes” by Lesley Hart Gunn (Provo)
- Honorable Mention: “After College” by Andrew Grace (Salt Lake City)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Namrata Poddar
- First Place: “When Ice Isn't Slippery” by Alyssa Witbeck Alexander (Logan)
- Second Place: “Dear Carlitos (A Letter to My Brother)” by Vince Font (Ogden)
- Honorable Mention: “In Chrysalis” by Kylie Smith (Spanish Fork)
2020 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Roy Scranton
* First Place: The Prayer of St. Francis, by Travis Petersen (Salt Lake City)
* Second Place: New Baby, by Iris Moulton (Salt Lake City)
* Honorable Mention: Rush, by Larry Menlove (Payson)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Tessa Fontaine
* First Place: Non, by Iris Moulton (Salt Lake City)
* Second Place: Who will water the flowers, by Calvin Jolley (Salt Lake City)
* Honorable Mention: Whore’s Blood, by Marilynn Rockelman (Salt Lake City)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Short Stories, judged by Erika Wurth
* First Place: Good-Day Haircut and Other Stories, by Ranjan Adiga (North Salt Lake)
* Second Place: This Will Be on the Exam, by Jeremy Spencer Rees (Provo)
* Honorable Mention: The Companion Claws, by Larry Menlove (Payson)

Category D: Young Adult Book, judged by Lanre Akinsiku
* First Place: Space for Nothing Else, by Steven Johnson (Salt Lake City)
* Second Place: Welcome to Foxmouth, by Lesley Hart Gunn (Provo)
* Honorable Mention: Mastermind, by Kristen Evans (Salt Lake City)

Category E: Poetry, judged by John Lee Clark
* First Place: Untitled, by Cindy King (St. George)
* Second Place: “Aperitifs,” by Brian Gray (Salt Lake City)
* Honorable Mention: Untitled, by Britt Allen (Logan)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Carol Guess
* First Place: “Bird Off a Barbed Wire,” by Tessa Barkan (Boulder)
* Second Place: “Day One,” by Kristen Evans (Salt Lake City)
* Honorable Mention: “The Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel,” by Leah Fretwell (Lehi)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Steven Church
* First Place: “In the Aftermath, Redemption,” by Naomi Clegg (Salt Lake City)
* Second Place: “Wool Girl,” by Natalie Hopkins (Lehi)
* Honorable Mention: “Pierced,” by Andrew Romriell (Sandy)
2018 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Benjamin Reed
First Place: *Lightheaded*, by Shane Camoin (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: *Thoughts and Prayers*, by Sydney Husseman (Layton)
Honorable Mention: *The Birds of Eurasia*, by James Ure (Salt Lake City)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Darlin' Neal
First Place: *Walking Through Walls*, by Michelle Forstrom (Provo)
Second Place: *Cold Desert*, by David Pace (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: *Terroir: Essays on Otherness*, by Natasha Saje (Salt Lake City)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Poetry, judged by Sidney Wade
First Place: *After Earth*, by Michael Lavers (Provo)
Second Place: *Easy Street*, by Cindy King (St. George)
Honorable Mention: *Lily or Bone*, by Kim Welliver (Kearns)
Honorable Mention: *Utah Reclamation Project*, by Amy Brunvand (Salt Lake City)

Category D: Children's Book, judged by Rachel Searles
First Place: *B&T Detective Agency*, by Lori Seppi (North Salt Lake)
Second Place: *The Solitary*, by Courtney Cope (Provo)
Honorable Mention: *Mrs. Hecht Will Give You Heck*, by Sabrina Vienneau (Salt Lake City)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Andrew McFadyen-Ketchum
First Place: “Thriving,” by Kim Welliver (Kearns)
Second Place: “Circadian,” by Danielle Dubrasky (Cedar City)
Honorable Mention: “Topography of Light,” by Pam Tucker (Washington)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Martin Cloutier
First Place: “Through a Glass but Darkly,” by Daniel Robertson (Provo)
Second Place: “Bombay Curry Kitchen,” by Ranjan Adiga (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “Rescue Dog,” by Coleton Smith (Draper)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Joseph Rein
First Place: “War and Peace. And Music,” by Gerald Elias (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Leaven,” by Sunni Wilkinson (Ogden)
Honorable Mention: “Juliet,” by Danielle Dubrasky (Cedar City)
2017 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Matthew Batt
   First Place: *Forever Desolation*, by Tim Glenn (Green River)
   Second Place: *The Evidence of Damage*, by Shauna Brock (Salt Lake City)
   Honorable Mention: *Bluebird*, by Michael Scott Smith (Salt Lake City)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Rebecca Rule
   First Place: *Not in My House*, by Susanna Nielsen Barlow (Bluffdale)
   Second Place: *The Architecture of a Mother*, by Rebecca Brenner (Park City)
   Honorable Mention: *Girl on a Pony*, by Christine Fraizer (Millcreek)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Stories, judged by Becky Bradway
   First Place: *Coyote Sky*, by Joni Hemond (Salt Lake City)
   Second Place: *Silver Wings*, by Kevin Holdsworth (Parowan)
   Honorable Mention: *Different Ways Home, and Other Stories*, by Gene Gerstner (Springdale)

Category D: Young Adult Book, judged by Elizabeth Briggs
   First Place: *By the Blood of the Witches*, by Alison Woods (Springville)
   Second Place: *Worth It*, by Stephanie Moore (Farmington)
   Honorable Mention: *The Logic of Love, Cynicism, and Related Theories*, by Patrice Carey (Provo)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Cole Swensen
   First Place: “A Smell Sleepless,” by Elisabeth Loveland (Provo)
   Second Place: “The Skull on the Table,” by Claire Akebrand (Provo)
   Honorable Mention: “Filling Cracks & Walking on Water,” by Maurine Haltiner (Salt Lake City)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Craig Holden
   First Place: “The Birth Canal,” by Larkin Weyand (Pleasant Grove)
   Second Place: “Samantha’s Memory,” by Aaron Allen (Orem)
   Honorable Mention: “In Denver,” by Ranjan Adiga (Salt Lake City)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Michael Martone
   First Place: “On Blushing,” by Elizabeth Tidwell (Pleasant Grove)
   Second Place: “Marquinn Intake Form,” by Andrew Romriell (Logan)
   Honorable Mention: “Systole, Diastole,” by Darlene Young (South Jordan)
   Honorable Mention: “Thought Runs on the Fugitive Concept ‘Thing-Theory,’” by Eugene Washington (Logan)
2016 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Lawrence Coates
First Place: Leni, The Editor’s Woman, by James Ure (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: Among These Bones, by Amanda Luzzader and Chadd VanZanten (Logan)
Honorable Mention: The Field Is White, by Claire Akebrand (Provo)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Luann Yetter
First Place: Salvation - A Judge’s Memoir of a Mormon Childhood, by Katharine English (Taylorsville)
Second Place: Lies of the Magpie, by Maleah Warner (American Fork)
Honorable Mention: Echoes from the Mind: Solving the Gainesville Student Murders, by Susan Lehmann (Pleasant View)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Poetry, judged by Lola Haskins
First Place: Fire Engine Descending a Staircase, by Jason Olsen (Price)
Second Place: Welcome, Dangerous Life, by Ben Gunsberg (Logan)
Honorable Mention: Four by Six, by Sue Jensen Weeks (Salt Lake City)

Category D: Children’s Book, judged by Cathie Pelletier
First Place: Operation: Middle School Madness, by Melva Gifford (Orem)
Second Place: Oscar in Paris, by Michelle Hubbard (Pleasant Grove)
Honorable Mention: Junebug, by Tessa Hauglid (Spanish Fork)
Honorable Mention: The Reel Wish, by Yamile Mendez (Alpine)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Steven Coughlin
First Place: “Past the Minotaur,” by Natalie Taylor (Holladay)
Second Place: “Reach Out and Touch Someone,” by Sunni Wilkinson (Ogden)
Honorable Mention: “Von Erich,” by Jason Olsen (Price)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Monica McFawn
First Place: “The Starling Killers,” by Joe Totten (Park City)
Second Place: “Desert Exposure,” by Frank Stehno (Sandy)
Honorable Mention: “Far West,” by Daniel Robertson (Provo)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Stephan Eirik Clark
First Place: “Of the Coming River,” by Larry Menlove (Payson)
Second Place: “Missing,” by Patrick Madden (Lehi)
Honorable Mention: “In Our Nature,” by Sunni Wilkinson (Ogden)
2015 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Ernest Hebert
First Place: The Salted Earth, by Eric Robertson (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: The Lord, My Shepherd, by Daniel Robertson (Provo)
Honorable Mention: Danger on Board, by Anne Stark (Paradise); Filet of Soul, by Courtney Davis (Provo)

Category B: Biography/Autobiography/History, judged by Poe Ballantine
First Place: Dreams of My Comrades, by Scott Zuckerman (Park City)
Second Place: Dear Little Fish, by Melissa Bond (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: The Reluctant Boss, by Hector Griffin (Cottonwood Heights); Nine Lives of a Natural Redhead, by Marcee Blackerby (Salt Lake City)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Stories, judged by Katherine Bahr
First Place: New Myth: Stories, by Aaron Allen (Orem)
Second Place: City of Saints: Stories of the Mormon Corridor, by David Pace (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: The Man Who Destroyed the Universe, by Gregory Deluca (St. George)

Category D: Young Adult Book, judged by Connie Goldsmith
First Place: The Dark Backward, by McKelle George (Lehi)
Second Place: All My Fairy Godmothers, by Katy Larson (Springville)
Honorable Mention: Rat Prince of Kusa, by Elena Jube (Provo); Better Than Dead, by Jessica Guernsey (Lindon)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Ellen Bass
First Place: “Waiting,” by Anne Vinsel (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Darlings from the Beginning,” by Ben Gunsberg (Logan)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Jon Billman
First Place: “The Whiskeyjack,” by Jenn Gibbs (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Eating Sushi in Mesquite,” by Lynn Kilpatrick (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “Long Lost,” by David Cawley (Centerville)

Category G: Narrative Nonfiction/Personal Essay, judged by Rus Bradburd
First Place: “The Other Amelia,” by James Ure (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Mystery, Knowledge, and the Worsening Light of the Ethereal Mind,” by Maximilian Werner (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “Guilt: Two Love Stories,” by Natasha Saje (Salt Lake City)
2014 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Matthew Batt
First Place: **ECKSDOT** by J Washburn (Provo)
Second Place: **Fragments of an Inner Architecture** by Gene Washington (Logan)
Honorable Mention: **RedRedRedRed** by Eric Howerton (Ogden)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction, judged by Rebecca Rule
First Place: **An American (Homeless) in Paris** by Christian Ames (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: **Befriending Laura Mae** by Leisa Mukai (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: **Dancing Bird’s Apprentice** by Patty Willis (Salt Lake City)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Poetry, judged by Richard Howard
First Place: **Eve’s Child** by Markay Brown (St. George)
Second Place: **Cold Blessings** by Maximillian Werner (Salt Lake City)

Category D: Juvenile Book, judged by Trent Reedy
First Place: **Keeping It Down** by Lisa Roylance (Cedar Hills)
Second Place: **Sula Eats the Sea** by James Ure (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: **The Sun Is on Fire!** by Shane Williams (Washington)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Jacob Saenz
First Place: “Inside Wolf, Grandmother Becomes a Dancer” by Shanan Ballam (Logan)
Second Place: “Bottled Cherries” by Candy Fowler (St. George)
Honorable Mention: “Pretending to be interviewed, the monster gets choked up, tells the cameraman to shut the damn thing off.” by Natalie Young (Cedar City)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Kevin McIlvoy
First Place: “Adsila, Wyoming” by Iris Moulton (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Two Shoes” by John Pace (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “For My Father II” by Jordan Floyd (West Jordan)

Category G: Narrative Nonfiction/Personal Essay, judged by Robin Romm
First Place: “Hourglass Man” by Aaron Allen (Orem)
Second Place: “Living the Dream” by Joshua Harms (Centerville)
2013 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Brian Evenson
First Place: *The Ghost Town Preservation Society* by Julie C. Simon (Cedar City)
Second Place: *Nectar in a Sieve* by Gene Washington (Logan)
Honorable Mention: *Ransom* by Spencer Hyde (Provo)

Category B: Biography/Autobiography/History, judged by Steven Davis
First Place: *Peach Blossoms and Pearl Harbor* by Afton L. Wilkins (Farmington)
Second Place: *Mob Control – How I Almost Learned to Teach High School* by Vickie S. Ericksen (Lehi)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Short Stories, judged by Becky Bradway
First Place: *Robot Action Pinball* by Jason P. Olsen (Price)
Second Place: *These Things Are as Difficult as They Seem* by Kate Elizabeth Finlinson (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: *Look Me in the Stars* by Christopher B. Husberg (Lehi)

Category D: Young Adult Book, judged by Kurtis Scaletta
First Place: *Wink! A Mixed Up Night’s Dream* by Kelley JP Lindberg (Layton)
Second Place: *The Cave Troll Man* by John S. Bennion (Provo)
Honorable Mention: *Poisoned Apple Inc.* by Zach Largey (Orem); *The Nettle Spinner* by Cathleen Barney (Orem)

Category E: Poetry, judged by David Romtvedt
First Place: “The Mailman in the Forest” by Lisa R. Roullard (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Arrows Pointing Out the Moon” by Rob Carney (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “The Marriage of the Moon and the Field” by Sunni B. Wilkinson (Ogden)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Eileen Pollack
First Place: “Empty” by Nate Liederbach (Salt Lake City)
Second Place: “Gifted” by Rachel Borup (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “Concentration Camp Stories for Doggies” by Anne Vinsel (Salt Lake City)

Category G: Narrative Nonfiction/Personal Essay, judged by Michelle Seaton
First Place: “Manure” by Dianne Hardy (Logan)
Second Place: “A Mother’s Tale” by Betsy Lynn Ross (Salt Lake City)
Honorable Mention: “Fog” by Lorraine Jeffery (Orem)
2012 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Ron Carlson
   First Place: Inclemency by Stephen Tuttle (Provo)
   Second Place: Wyoming Gold by Margaret L. Pettis (Hyrum)
   Honorable Mention: The End of the Road by Roan W Poulter (Ogden); Falling for Johnny by Alison McLennan (Ogden)

Category B: Creative Non-Fiction & History, judged by Brian Doyle
   First Place: 52 by Jeff Metcalf (Salt Lake City)
   Second Place: Lazarus’s Denial by Linda S. Rotnem (West Jordan)
   Honorable Mention: White Indians by Michael Gills (Salt Lake City); Tongues of Men and of Angels and other Adventures in Brief Memoir by Nate Liederbach (Salt Lake City)

Category C: Book-length Collection of Poems, judged by Sue Walker
   First Place: Pretty Marrow by Shanan L. Ballam (Wellsville)
   Second Place: The Stars Come All the Way Down to the Ground by Dawn Houghton (Salt Lake City)
   Honorable Mention: Miracles, Mutinies & Microbuses by David Robert Boyce (Harrisville)

Category D: Juvenile Book, judged by Claudia Mills
   First Place: Discovering Isaac by Elaine Vickers (Cedar City)
   Second Place: Deliver Me by Kate Birch (Salt Lake City)
   Honorable Mention: The Polliwog Pond War by Kimberly Jensen (Layton)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Connie Voisine
   First Place: from Hermaion by Jennifer J. Tonge (Salt Lake City)
   Second Place: but the rain is full of ghosts tonight by Dawn Lonsinger (Salt Lake City)
   Honorable Mention: Armor Against Air by Elisabeth Loveland (Provo)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Darrell Spencer
   First Place: Petey Immigrates North, Then Moves West by Larry Menlove (Payson)
   Second Place: Zuri by Sarah E. Allen (Provo)
   Honorable Mention: One Woman Rescuing Another by Dawn Houghton (Salt Lake City)

Category G: Personal Essay, judged by Phyllis Barber
   First Place: On Understanding by J. Travis Washburn (Provo)
   Second Place: The Streets of Lisbon by Nathan M. Robison (Provo)
   Honorable Mention: On Becoming a Lord of the Earth by John Bennion (Provo)
2011 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel

First Place - James W. Ure, Salt Lake City, Skywriting
Second Place - Rachel Marston, Salt Lake City, How to Speak to God
Honorable Mention - Shauna K. Brock, Salt Lake City, Shadows in the Spotlight

Category B: Biography/Autobiography

First Place - Lance Larsen, Provo, Seventeen Ways to Float
Second Place - Maximilian Werner, Salt Lake City, Gravity Hill

Category C: Collection of Short Stories

First Place - Larkin G. Weyand, Lehi, All the Pennsylvania Left to See
Second Place - David M. Jones, Salt Lake City, O'Connor Court and Other Stories
Honorable Mention - Larry Menlove, Payson, Fur or Feathers, the Teeth or Venom

Category D: Young Adult Book

First Place - Michelle Renee Stimpson, West Jordan, Somalis Don't Say a False Proverb
Second Place - Erin R. Jackson, Provo, Banyan Trees

Category E: Poetry

First Place - Danielle Beazer Dubrasky, Cedar City, "The Sand Man"
Second Place - N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, "Withdrawal"

Category F: Short Story

First Place - Lance Larsen, Provo, "Ode to Milk"
Second Place - Adrian E. Stump, South Ogden, "Nativity: A Christmas Story"
Honorable Mention - Eirene R. Henderson, Provo, "Burnt Offering"

Category G: Essay

First Place - Erin R. Jackson, Provo, "Amputations"
Second Place - Dawn Lonsinger, Salt Lake City, "Consonance"
Honorable Mention - Mikey Stephenson, Murray, "Waiting for the Morning Sun to Rise"
2010 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel
First Place: Jennifer Sinor, Logan, How Thin the Line
Second Place: Carolyn G. Campbell, Salt Lake City, Maddie and the Missing Mom

Category B: General Nonfiction
First Place: M. Dane Picard, Salt Lake City, The Hot and the Cold
Second Place: Rebecca Guevara, Salt Lake City, Blossoms of the Lower Branches

Category C: Collection of Poetry
First Place: Heidi Hart, Salt Lake City, Her Bone Throat
Second Place: Dawn Lonsinger, Salt Lake City, Whelm

Category D: Juvenile Book
First Place: Ruth Johnson Asay, Bountiful, The Witch Broom Maker of Goblin Valley
Second Place: Lin Vernon Floyd, St. George, Nature Notes for Kids

Category E: Poetry
First Place: Nancy Takacs, Wellington, "The Woman I Have Always Wanted to Be"
Second Place: Dawn Lonsinger, Salt Lake City, "Subdivisions"

Category F: Short Story
First Place: Dawn Houghton, Salt Lake City, "Tan Your Hide"
Second Place: Susan Burdett, Ephraim, "The Aftershock"

Category G: Essay
First Place: Jeff Metcalf, Salt Lake City, "The Unspoken"
Second Place: Diane Fouts, Salt Lake City, "In the Matter of Magpies"
Category A: Novel
First Place: Nancy L. Roberts, Park City, *Deep Water Moon*
Second Place: Michael Gills, Salt Lake City, *Go Love*
Honorable Mention: Chris Riseley, Spring City, *Coffee Drinkers Preferred*

Category B: Biography/Autobiography
First Place: Jennifer Sinor, Logan, *Rogue Wave*
Second Place: Lynn Zaritsky, Mount Pleasant, *In One Piece*
Honorable Mention: M. Dane Picard, Salt Lake City, *Field Book of a Geologist*

Category C: Book-length Collection of Stories
First Place: Adrian Stumpp, Ogden, *All the Variables*
Second Place: Michael Palmer, Salt Lake City, *Bodies, Water*

Category D: Young Adult Book
First Place: J. Corey Willis, Centerville, *Fair Forever*
Second Place: Darlene Young, South Jordan, *Inside Out*

Category E: Poetry
First Place: Susan Sample, Salt Lake City, “Terrible Grace”
Second Place: Nancy Baird, Salt Lake City, “Kukui”
Honorable Mention: Markay Brown, Springville, “Eve’s Child”

Category F: Short Story
First Place: Stephen Tuttle, Provo, “In California”
Second Place: David Pace, Salt Lake City, “Flying Bishop”

Category G: Personal Essay
First Place: Michael Palmer, Salt Lake City, “Dark Blue Biology”
Second Place: Patrick Madden, Lehi, “The Great Escape”
2008 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Novel
First – Kirstin Scott, Salt Lake City, Motherlunge
Second – Will Bagley, Salt Lake City, River
Honorable Mention – Tom Baldwin, Cedar City, First Americans: Advent

Nonfiction Book
First – Maximilian Werner, Salt Lake City, Black River Dreams
Second – M. Dane Picard, Salt Lake City, Living with Grandeur

Collection of Poems
First – David Hawkins, Salt Lake City, Dark Adaptation
Second – Star Coulbrooke, Smithfield, River Once Removed

Juvenile Book
First – Judith Torres, Logan, The Easter Bunny of the Southwest
Second – Christy Monson, Ogden, Clawing Eagle
Honorable Mention – Debbra Nance, West Jordan, The Picking Bag
Honorable Mention – Corey Willis, Centerville, Hannah Mae and the Mona Lisa

Poetry
First – Natasha Saje, Salt Lake City, “Quib, Qell, Qatch”
Second – Kimberly Johnson, Salt Lake City, “Another Season on Beautiful Fire”
Honorable Mention – Geoffrey Babbit, Salt Lake City, “The Brush Reminds Paint of Itself”
Honorable Mention – Shira Dentz, Salt Lake City, “The Grasses Unload Their Grief”

Short Story
First – Kate Finlinson, Salt Lake City, “Nocturne”
Second – Adrian Stumpp, Ogden, “This Bishop’s Celestial Wife”

Personal Essay
Second – Nancy Roberts, Park City, “Lucy in the Sky”
2007 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Novel
First — Cara Diaconoff, Salt Lake City, A Stranger to You
Second — Linda C. Peer, Salt Lake City, Fire Over the Mountain

Biography/Autobiography
First — Douglas K. Miller, Ogden, Caught in the Shift
Second — Will Bagley, Salt Lake City, Always a Cowboy
Honorable Mention — Carolyn Owen, Provo, Shlomo

Collection of Stories
First — Paul Rawlins, Salt Lake City, Dreamsicle
Second — Stephen Tuttle, Provo, Undone by the Moon
Honorable Mention — Franklin Fisher, Salt Lake City, The Painter
Honorable Mention — Jeffery Chapman, Salt Lake City, Gigantomachy

Young Adult Book
First — Janci Patterson, Orem, Haylee’s Journal
Second — Kerry Spencer, West Jordan, Secrets of the Mami Wata
Honorable Mention — Carol Lynch Williams, Springville, Numbers
Honorable Mention — Sydney Salter Husseman, Layton, My Big Nose & Other Natural Disasters

Poetry
First — Maria Melendez, Logan, “Bridge”
Second — Lucy Fairchild, Salt Lake City, “The Red Dot”
Honorable Mention — Elaine Christensen, Sandy, “Praying for Roothold”

Short Story
First — Lynn Kilpatrick, Salt Lake City, “What Idaho Offers”
Second — Stephen Tuttle, Provo, “Amanuensis”
Honorable Mention — Adrian Stumpp, South Ogden, “All the Variables”

Personal Essay
First — Halina Duraj, Salt Lake City, “My Boyfriend Is a Fascist”
Second — Michael Greenfield, Salt Lake City, “To Sire, With Love”
Honorable Mention — Jennifer Sinor, Logan, “Headwaters”
2006 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

**Novel**
- First – **Paul Ketzle**, Salt Lake City, *Hero*
- Second – **Owen Johnson**, Salt Lake City, *The Recalcitrant*
- Honorable Mention – **Angela Hallstrom**, South Jordan, *True and Faithful*

**Nonfiction Book**
- First – **Will Bagley**, Salt Lake City, *With Golden Visions Bright*
- Second – **M. Dane Picard**, Salt Lake City, *Journeys of a Volcano Lover*
- Honorable Mention – **Patrick Madden**, Lehi, *Quotidiana*
- Honorable Mention – **Ken Rand**, Salt Lake City, *Port Chicago Isn’t There Anymore*

**Collection of Poems**
- First – **Laurelyn Whitt**, Spanish Fork, *Crossing Over*
- Second – **Danielle Dubrasky**, Cedar City, *To Live Elsewhere*

**Juvenile Book**
- First – **Mette Ivie Harrison**, Layton, *The Hollow Under the Hill*

**Poetry**
- First – **Sue Ranglack**, Murray, “Flying Through the Dark with Rita”
- Honorable Mention – **Susan Sample**, Salt Lake City, “At a Loss”

**Short Story**
- First – **Paul Rawlins**, Salt Lake City, “High Lonesome”
- Second – **Angela Hallstrom**, South Jordan, “Thanksgiving”
- Honorable Mention – **Linda Peer**, Salt Lake City, “Old Story, Different Ending”

**Personal Essay**
- First – **Patrick Madden**, Lehi, “Remember Death”
2005 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Novel
First – **Bob Sawatzki**, Ogden, *Circa: 96*
Second – **Nicole Walker**, Salt Lake City, *Because Quicksand Is What It Is*

Nonfiction Book
First – **Dawn Marano**, Salt Lake City, *Trusting the Edge*
Second – **Patrick Madden**, Lehi, *Uruguay*

Collection of Stories
First – **Lynn Kilpatrick**, Salt Lake City, *The Infinite Cages*
Second – **Helen Walker Jones**, Salt Lake City, *Life Among the Nishes*

Young Adult Book
First – **Jacqui Biggs Larsen**, Springville, *You Can’t Lasso Love*
Second – **Becca Fitzpatrick**, Pleasant Grove, *The Tornado Interviews*

Poetry
First – **Chris Cokinos**, Nibley, “Threatened and Endangered”
Second – **Michael Hicks**, Provo, "The Apotheosis of Fay Wray"

Short Story
First – **David McGlynn**, Salt Lake City, "Sweet Texas Angel"
Second – **Charmayne Warnock**, Alpine, "Fields of Gold"

Personal Essay
First – **Lance Larsen**, Springville, "The Death and Quilting Notebook"
Second – **David McGlynn**, Salt Lake City, “This Ain’t Living”
Honorable Mention – **Jolynne Lyon**, Lewiston, “Miss Townsend”
Honorable Mention – **M. Dane Picard**, Salt Lake City, “Last Roundup”
2004 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

**Novel**
First – David G. Pace, SLC, *Where Empty Armor Comes to Rest*
Second – Susan J. Kroupa, Orem, *Priest Killer*
Honorable Mention – Jeffery Scott Anderson, SLC, *Second Genesis*
Honorable Mention – Sarah Gillian Read, SLC, *The Conversion of Richard Abrams*
Honorable Mention – Rick & Jim Crocker, Kaysville, *Past Due*
Honorable Mention – Tina Housekeeper, Riverton, *Dead Men & Dirty Boys*

**Nonfiction Book**
First – Stephen Trimble, Salt Lake City, *Bargaining for Eden*
Second – Karin Anderson, Alpine, *A Vagina Debacle*

**Collection of Poems**
First – Sandra Skouson, Monticello, *Woman Without a Net*
Second – Julie Sophia Paegle, Salt Lake City, *Songs for the Tango Choir*
Honorable Mention – Dawn Houghton, SLC, *The Stars Come All The Way Down*

**Juvenile Book**
First – Sydney Salter Husseman, Layton, *Not-A-Dr. Logan’s Divorce Book*
Second – Sara V. Olds, North Logan, *Nicola*
Honorable Mention – Mette Harrison, Layton, *Touchstone*

**Poetry**
First – John R. Campbell, SLC, “Birds of America”
Second – Kimberley Johnson, Salt Lake City, “A Metaphorical God”
Honorable Mention – Julie Sophia Paegle, Salt Lake City, “Songs for Beasts and Tango”
Honorable Mention – Jeffrey S. Chapman, SLC, “and in those days we sat”

**Short Story**
First – Rachel Marston, Salt Lake City, “The Birth of the Atomic Age”
Second – Dawn Houghton, SLC, “He Loved His Wife”
Honorable Mention – William Ed Pierce, SLC, “Baobob”

**Personal Essay**
First – Ken Rand, West Jordan, “‘Penny’ Joe Crane Died For My Sins”
Second – Elizabeth Knowlton, Tooele, “Sundancer”
Honorable Mention – Steven Cantwell, SLC, “St. Anthony and the Fourth World”
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Novel
First – Dorothee Kocks, Salt Lake City, “Cloud Cover”
Second – Ken Rand, West Jordan, “Dare”
Honorable Mention – Merry M. Palmer, Blanding, “Wind’s Child”

Nonfiction Book
First – Betsy Burton, Salt Lake City, “And I Work at the Reader’s Trade”
Second – Karin Anderson, Alpine, “Flying Into the Wreck”
Honorable Mention – Jim Ure, Salt Lake City, “Polio Boys”

Collection of Short Stories
First – Felicia Olivera, Salt Lake City, “Getting the Dog & Other Unexpected Errands”
Second – Dawn Houghton, Salt Lake City, “To Those I Don’t Love”

Young Adult Book
First – Sara Zarr Hultberg, Salt Lake City, “The Story of a Girl”
Second – Caleb Warnock, Alpine, “Night Kite Flying”
Honorable Mention – Jacqui Larsen, Springville, “Skye: In & Out of Tune”

Poetry
First – Laura Hamblin, Orem, “Stick of Lime”
Second – C. Wade Bentley, Salt Lake City, "Snowed Under"

Short Story
First – Traci Oberg, Salt Lake City, "This Part, This"
Second – Annette Weed, Holladay, "Foothills"
Honorable Mention – Jeffery S. Chapman, "Great Salt Lake"

Personal Essay
First – Patricia G. Karamesines, Payson, "Plato’s Alcove"
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Novel
First - Christine Allen-Yazzie, Salt Lake City, The Arc and the Sediment
Second - Todd C. Noker, Woods Cross, Terms of the Innocents
Honorable Mention - Eugene E. Woodbury, Springville, Path of Dreams

Nonfiction Book
First - John R. Campbell, Salt Lake City, Dead West
Second - M. Dane Picard, Salt Lake City, Journeys to Volcanoes
Honorable Mention - Heidi Hart, Salt Lake City, Carving the Watermelon
Honorable Mention - Stephen Price, Layton, Last Love Letter

Collection of Poetry
First - Lance Larsen, Springville, In All Their Animal Brilliance
Second - Scott Hatch, Springville, Mapping the Desert

Juvenile Book
First - Barbara Williams, Salt Lake City, Fire in Idaho City
Second - Kimberley Sorenson, Sandy, Finding Leo
Honorable Mention - Kathy Ensign England, Salt Lake City, Buster Storrs

Poetry
First - Scott Hatch, Springville, “Mapping the Desert”
Second - Jacqueline Lyons, Salt Lake City, “Wives”

Short Story
First - Margot Kadesch, Salt Lake City, “Lacunae”
Second - Todd Peterson, Cedar City, “The Impeccable Driver”
Honorable Mention - Nicole Stansbury, “Wicked”

Personal Essay
First - Kim Pehrson, Taylorsville, “One Bird Sat on the Wall”
Second - Mary Corrine Powers, Sandy, “What the Water Says”
Honorable Mention - Jacqueline Lyons, Salt Lake City, “Arbiter of Twilight”
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Novel
First - Dawn Houghton, Salt Lake City, What You Start With
Second - Nicole Stansbury, Salt Lake City, Call Me Darling
Honorable Mention - Kate Lahey, Salt Lake City, The Pinball Paradox

Nonfiction Book
First - Terry Houlanan, Salt Lake City, A Regular Guy’s Guide to Breast Cancer
Second - Todd Macfarlane, Kanab, Making Rain While the Sun Shines

Collection of Short Stories
First - Paul Rawlins, Salt Lake City, Agape
Second - Marina Harris, Salt Lake City, Untitled

Young Adult Book
First - John Bennion, Provo, Born of Ashes
Second - Laurel Brady, Mapleton, Cormack O’Dornan’s Girl
Honorable Mention - Carol Williams, Springville, A Glimpse Is All I Can Stand

Poetry
First - Natasha Saje, Salt Lake City, “Minor Riot at the Mint”
Second - Susan Sample, Salt Lake City, “Metabolism of the Heart”
Honorable Mention - Lance Larsen, Springville, “Backyard Cosmology”

Short Story
First - Susan Imhoff, Salt Lake City, “Mariposa”
Second - Lyn McCarter, Salt Lake City, “Both Hands”
Honorable Mention - Kimberly Sorenson, Sandy, “Don’t Forget Me”
Honorable Mention - Sarah Bullock, Provo, “Legs”

Personal Essay
First - Nicole Stansbury, Salt Lake City, “The Broken Children”
Second - Matthew Lalli, Bountiful, “Just Keep the Grass Green”
Honorable Mention - M. Dane Picard, Salt Lake City, “Last Branding”
Honorable Mention - Lisa-Michele Church, South Jordan, “The Smartest Kid in the Class”
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**Novel**
- First: **Gerda Saunders**, *The Last Pieta of MichelAgniolo*
- Second: **Reed H. Blake**, *A Paiute Wind*
- Honorable Mention: **Susan J. Kroupa**, *Priest Killer*
- Honorable Mention: **Carroll M. Shreeve**, *Farr Trails*

**Nonfiction Book**
- First: **Elaine Turner Lamb**, *Thoughts of a Reluctant Mom: A Travelogue of Sorts*

**Book of Poetry**
- First: **Nancy Takacs**, *Alphabet for Flight*

**Juvenile Book**
- First: **LuAnn B. Staheli**, *Just Like Elizabeth Taylor*
- Second: **Eugene Woodbury**, *Pascal’s Ghosts*

**Poetry**
- First: **Nancy Takacs**, “Thirteen”
- Second: **Christine Allen-Yazzie**, “Birthmark”
- Honorable Mention: **Rita M. Bowles**, “Stuck Fast Under Thatch”
- Honorable Mention: **Mikal Lofgren**, “What They’re Used To”
- Honorable Mention: **Steven J. Stewart**, “As Above, So Below”

**Short Story**
- First: **Lynne Butler**, “The Statistical Christ”
- Second: **Paul Rawlins**, “Big Hondo Angel”
- Honorable Mention: **Wendy M. Rawlings**, “Lily’s the Maid”
- Honorable Mention: **Stephanie Rosenfeld**, “Cliff-dweller”
- Honorable Mention: **Ken Rand**, “Refuge”
- Honorable Mention: **Mette Ivie Harrison**, “Silence Sits Immense”