



2024 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Dawn Reno Langley

- First Place: *The Same River* by Larry Menlove (Payson)
- Second Place: *She-Stallion Rising* by Sheena Blankenagel
- Honorable Mention: *Sapper* by Spencer Hyde (Provo)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Zoë Bossiere

- First Place: *The Mother Figure* by Elissa Krebs (Ogden)
- Second Place: *The Befores & Afters* by Morgan Rose-Marie (Spanish Fork)
- Honorable Mention: *Falling Into Bountiful* by Maureen Clark (Bountiful)

Category C: Short Story Collection, judged by Gwendolyn Kiste

- First Place: *Gordon the Gorgon* by Mikayla Johnson (Springville)
- Second Place: *Breadcrumbs: A Collection* by Hana Jabr (West Jordan)
- Honorable Mention: *Fisheye and Other Flash Fiction* by Isaac Richards (Provo)

Category D: Young Adult Book, judged by Lara Buckheit

- First Place: *The Last Ingredient* by Rebecca Wiese (Lehi)
- Second Place: *Nora's Song* by Christi Leman (Provo)
- Honorable Mention: *The National Monuments and Presidential Pets: with Zoe and Duka* by Shaunna Goldberry (Ivins)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Katrina Kwan

- First Place: "Offshore" by Micah Grotegut (Mapleton)
- Second Place: "A Pondering of Words and Writing" by Zabrina Le (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mention: "Antelope Boy—Gender & Human Identity" by Jamison Conforto (West Jordan)

Category F: Short Story, judged by Caitlin Horrocks

- First Place: "A Known Hazard; Or Sometimes I See a Shooter in the Halls" by Justin Olson (South Jordan)
- Second Place: "waterbodies" by Savannah Pearson (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mentions:
 - "Waning Heritage" by Lorraine Jeffery (Orem)
 - "The Eyes Behind Hands" by Megan Rose Cowdell (South Jordan)
 - "Fine" by Abby Brinkerhoff (Salt Lake City)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Mairead Small Staid

- First Place: "Notes from the Lakeshore Defunct" by Christi Leman (Provo)
- Second Place: "Fata Morgana" by Morgan Rose-Marie (Spanish Fork)
- Honorable Mentions:
 - "Consummate Union" by Isaac Richards (Provo)
 - "Of Snails and the Hundred Yard Dash" by Larry Menlove (Payson)
 - "Once More to the Eclipse" by Patrick Madden (Lehi)

2023 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Vi Khi Nao

- First Place: *Fracturing Consciousness* by Sierra Branham (Spanish Fork)
- Second Place: *Mustang Ranch* by Gary Lee Duncan (Moab)
- Honorable Mention: *Spinner* by Lucy Tayco Price (Cedar City)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Barrie Jean Borich

- First Place: *Excursions with Scout* by Carly Gooch (Murray)
- Second Place: *That Doesn't Sound Like Him* by Ella Stott (Riverton)
- Honorable Mentions: *The Other F**** Word* by Brittany Lee Jacobson (West Jordan)

Category C: Book-Length Collection of Poetry, judged by Knar Gavin

- First Place: *Coming Apocalypse Attractions* by Cheyenne Nimes (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *Selenophile* by Natalie Taylor (Holladay City)
- Honorable Mentions: *Practical Wolf* by Adam Haver (Salt Lake City)

Category D: Children's Book, judged by Lakita Wilson

- First Place: *Cruise Caper* by Sabrina Vienneau (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *The Piccadilly Bones* by Zachar Largey (Orem)
- Honorable Mention: *Ruby, Who?* by Jill Campbell (Riverton)

Category E: Poetry, judged by Amaranth Borsuk

- First Place: "Drought & Bones" by Robert Carney (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: "The Bright Time." by Cheyenne Nimes (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mention: "Thomas and Stubbs" by Shanan Ballam (Logan)

Category F: Short Fiction, judged by Caren Beilin

- First Place: "Phone in Hand" by Pamela Balluck (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: "Relativity Burger" by Elijah Zane Browne (South Jordan)
- Honorable Mention: "#WeBeFloating" by Lesley Hart Gunn (Provo)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Jessica Zafra

- First Place: "Awash" by Ashley Wells (Providence)
- Second Place: "Parallel Universes" by Darlene Young (South Jordan)
- Honorable Mention: "The Visitor" by Bill Funk (Salt Lake City)

2022 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

Category A: Novel, judged by Liz Kay

- First Place: *The Icelanders* by Iris Moulton (South Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *Rush* by Larry Menlove (Payson)
- Honorable Mention: *Poets Never Find Peace* by McKenna Jackson (Orem)

Category B: Creative Nonfiction Book, judged by Carolyn Jess-Cooke

- First Place: *Showdown at Crossfire Canyon* by Patricia Karamesines (Blanding)
- Second Place: *The Quiet Burden of Stones* by Lin Ostler (Salt Lake City)
- Honorable Mentions:
 - *Dear You, Love Me* by Shannon Masayo Martinez (Ogden)
 - *Where Dry Rivers Meet* by Dylan Mace (Salt Lake City)
 - *Excursions With Scout: Meditations on Nature, Solitude and Community from a Life on the Road* by Carly Gooch (St. George)

Category C: Book Length Collection of Short Stories, judged by Kim Fu

- First Place: *A Stranger in Your Own Town* by Andrea Garland (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *How I Learned to Be Haunted and Other Stories* by Lesley Hart Gunn (Provo)
- Honorable Mentions:
 - *Monsoon Country* by Samyak Shertok (Salt Lake City)
 - *Stray Country* by C.K. Turner (Sandy)

Category D: Young Adult Fiction Book, judged by Hal Shrieve

- First Place: *Asynchronous* by Andrew Grace (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: *The Novice* by Lynn Buchanan (Orem)
- Honorable Mention: *Mag's Book of Questions* by Christi Leman (Provo)

Category E: Poetry, judged by CMarie Fuhrman

- First Place: "The Last Beekeeper" by Samyak Shertok (Salt Lake City)
- Second Place: "The Trains Never Stop" by C.K. Turner (Sandy)
- Honorable Mention: "First Poems After the Stroke" by Shanan Ballam (Logan)

Category F: Short Fiction, judged by Anna Cabe

- First Place: "Maybe You Should Start Drinking" by Jean Marie Hackett (Park City)
- Second Place: "Swim" by Elizabeth Barnes (Santaquin)
- Honorable Mention: "Little Owl, Lake Michigan" by Dylan Robinson (Provo)

Category G: Creative Nonfiction Essay, judged by Ira Sukrungruang

- First Place: "The Moth Effect" by Kylie Smith (Salem)
- Second Place: "A Brief Examination of Mortality" by McKenna Jackson (Orem)
- Honorable Mention: "The Blue Bathtub" by Shannon Masayo Martinez (Ogden)

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 Marilyn 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 Royslance** (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 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 Shanán 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. Stumpp**, 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"

2009 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

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 – **Debra 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

First – **David Hawkins**, Salt Lake City, "Lorraine Nelson: A Biography"

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*
Honorable Mention – **Warren Hatch**, Springville, *Mapping the Bones of Your World*

Juvenile Book

- First – **Mette Ivie Harrison**, Layton, *The Hollow Under the Hill*
Second – **Ginger Churchill**, Provo, *The Truth About Santa Claus*
Honorable Mention – **Ken Baker**, Orem, *Remote Danger*

Poetry

- First – **Sue Ranglack**, Murray, "Flying Through the Dark with Rita"
Second – **Dawn Houghton**, Salt Lake City, "A Brimming Life"
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"
Second – **Kathe Lison**, Logan, "Still Under an August Night"

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"



2003 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

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"
Second – **Lance Larsen**, Springville, "Looking for Spiral Jetty"



2002 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

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"

2001 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

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 Houlahan**, 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"

2000 Utah Original Writing Competition Winners

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"