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FAPA President's Awards

Recognize Florida Authors and Publishers

(Pompano Beach, FL) On Saturday night, August 9, the Florida Authors & Publishers Association (FAPA) gave out its prestigious annual President's Awards for the best books of 2013 and the first half of 2014 by authors and publishers in Florida and throughout the United States. The event, which took place at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa, recognized outstanding books by awarding gold and up to two silver medals in categories ranging from children's books to adult fiction, from memoirs to self-help, from business books to e-books.

"The award winners represent some of the very best books published in by national and Florida writers and presses in the past year and a half," said Chris Angermann, FAPA President.

The following winners were selected in the following categories by the competition's 35 judges – 32 national state librarians and three graphic designers:

CHILDREN'S FICTION

SILVER - *Jace's Adventure in the Forbidden Forest* by D.W. Harper, HayMarBooks

SILVER - *The Mummy's Tomb* by Will Overby, Black Cat Books

GOLD - *Jace's Adventure at Crystal Lagoon* by D.W. Harper, HayMarBooks

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

SILVER - *Bucket Filling from A to Z* by Carol McCloud and Caryn Butzke; Glenn Zimmer, Illustrator; Fern Press

SILVER - *How Buster Got Lucky* by Carol Woods, Susan Bridgman Woods Publishing

GOLD - *The Swamp Where Gator Hides* by Marianne Berkes; Roberta Baird, Illustrator; Dawn Publications

FLORIDA NON-FICTION FOR CHILDREN

GOLD - *Luke's Story: A Rescue Puppy's First Year on Palm Beach & Worth Avenue* by Susan Beattie; Sandra Thompson, Illustrator; Palm Beach Island Publishing

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK

SILVER - *Polly and Her Pigtales* by Debra Latiolais; Mark Wayne Adams, Illustrator, Monkey Puzzle Books

SILVER - *Stu's Big Party* by Patti Brassard Jefferson, Halo Publishing International

GOLD - *The Rocket Ship Bed Trip* by N. Jane Quackenbush; Lynne Villalobos, Illustrator, Hidden Wolf Books

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

SILVER - *Summer of Stars* by Leslee Horner, CalBel Productions

SILVER - *The Curse of the Crystal Kutztin* by Jan H. Landsberg, CreateSpace

GOLD - *The Geneva Project Truth* by Christina Benjamin, Crown Atlantic Publishing

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION

SILVER - *100+ Native American Women Who Changed the World* by KB Schaller, Peppertree Press

SILVER - *Staying Safe in an Unsafe World: A Guide for College Women* by Robert L. Park, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

GOLD - *The Grumpy Girl's Guide to Getting into College* by Rachel Aboukhair, New Chapter Publisher

EDUCATION

SILVER - *Finance Camp 4 Kids* by Dan Williams; Randy Williams, Illustrations

SILVER - *Franny's Rescue* by Crystal White; Mark Wayne Adams, Illustrator, Grass House Publications

GOLD - *A Parents Message: An Interactive Program Supporting Parent-Child Bond* by Ruth E. Clark and Carolyn LeCroy, Hibiscus Publishing

BUSINESS

GOLD - *Schools: A Niche Market for Authors* by Jane R. Wood, Florida Kids Press

REFERENCE

SILVER - *100+ Native American Women Who Changed the World* by KB Schaller, Peppertree Press

GOLD - *The Little Blue Thinking Book: 50 Powerful Principles for Clear and Effective Thinking* by Brandon Royal, Maven Publishing

RELIGION

GOLD - *Priest and Warriors* by Walter Joseph Schenck, Jr., iUniverse

E-BOOK

SILVER - *Professor Birdsong's 365 Weird Criminal Law Stories for Every Day of the Year* by Leonard Birdsong, Winghurst Publications

SILVER - *The Castle Across the Street* by C.K. Carter

GOLD - *A Homicide in Hooker's Point* by Gloria Taylor Weinberg, Xlibris

SHORT FICTION

SILVER - *Alligator Stew* by C.D. Mitchell, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

SILVER - *The Map Maker* by Brandon Royal, Maven Publishing

GOLD - *Mother's Day, A Collection of Short Stories* by Virginia Gwynn, Southern Star Press

ADULT FICTION: GENERAL

SILVER - *Previously Loved Treasures* by Bette Lee Crosby, Bent Pine Publishing

SILVER - *Another Man's Treasure* by Charles R. Hall, Bardolf & Company

GOLD - *Suicide Supper Club* by Rhett DeVane, Writers4Higher

ADULT FICTION: GENRE

SILVER - *The Mass of Men, The Academy* by Rachel K. Wentz

SILVER - *Lady of the House, An Eden's Gate Novel* by Lynn Braxton, Southern Star Press, LLC

GOLD - *Jubilee's Journey* by Bette Lee Crosby, Bent Pine Publishing

ADULT FICTION: ACTION/SUSPENSE

SILVER - *Chita Quest: One Man's Search for His POW/MIA Father* by Brinn Colenda, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

SILVER - *Unit 400, The Assassins* by T.L. Williams, First Coast Publishers

GOLD - *The Janus Code* by J.C. Ferguson, CreateSpace

ADULT: NON-FICTION

SILVER - *100 People to Meet* by Jackie Chase, Adventure Travel Press

SILVER - *Field of Frogs* by R. G. Graham, Advocate House

GOLD - *Book Publishing 101* by Martha Maeda, Atlantic Publishing

POETRY

SILVER - *Songs from Solitude: Poetry from a Southwestern Florida Hammock* by Robert H. Gore III, Middle River Press

GOLD - *Poetry One Life Many Lives* by Piero Rivolta, New Chapter Publisher

FLORIDA FICTION FOR ADULTS

SILVER - *Secretariat Reborn* by Susan Klaus, Oceanview Publishing

SILVER - *The Pill Game* by Darryl Bollinger, JNB Press

GOLD - *Another Man's Treasure* by Charles R. Hall, Bardolf & Company

FLORIDA NON-FICTION FOR ADULTS

SILVER - *Frostproof Treasures, The History of Frostproof, Florida to 1910* by Bea Reifeis, Genie Publishing

GOLD - *Finding Florida: The True History of the Sunshine State* T.D. Allman, Grove Press

BIOGRAPHY

GOLD - *100+ Native American Women Who Changed the World* by KB Schaller, Peppertree Press

AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

SILVER - *Eleven Months Nineteen Days: A Vietnam Illustrator's Memoir* by John Bowen, Middle River Press

SILVER - *Let Burn, The Making and Breaking of a Firefighter/Paramedic* by Rachel K. Wentz, Michigan State University Press

GOLD - *Bollettieri: Changing the Game* by Nick Bollettieri with Bob Davis , New Chapter Publisher

HEALTH & FITNESS

SILVER - *Liquidating Life, An almost-daily account of a journey with brain cancer.* by Laura G. Cogdill

GOLD - *The Art of Living Well with Crohn's* by John T. Johns, Bardolf & Company

HOME AND GARDEN

GOLD - *Recipes and Life* by Alice Oldford

HOWTO/SELF-HELP

SILVER - *Breadcrumbs for Beginners: Following the Writing Trail* by Dr. Sherry L. Meinberg, Balboa Press

GOLD - *Finding Humor in Grief* by Dr. Ruth L. Baskerville, Children's Heart Publishing

COFFEE TABLE BOOK

SILVER - *1964-2014 NOVA Southeastern University: A Tribute to the Past...A Prelude to the Future* by Linda Haase and Mel Abfier, StarGroup International, Inc

SILVER - *Sailing on the Stranahan: A Brief History of the Lauderdale Yacht Club*, Middle River Press

GOLD - *The Lure of Longboat Key: Sunrise to Sunset* by Mary Lou Johnson, A Thousand Words Publishing

HUMOR

SILVER - *Nickelodium: A Novel Based on Historical Facts* by David Carle Mieke, DC Press

SILVER - *Noodle Club* by Deborah Burggraaf; Matthew Lumsden, Illustrator, Protective Hands Communications

GOLD - *Ha Ha! Horror* by Matt Patterson, Mystery & Horror, LLC

COVER DESIGN: SMALL FORMAT

SILVER – *Chita Quest: One Man's Search for His POW/MIA Father* by Brinn Colenda, Southern Yellow Pine Publishing

SILVER - *St. Augustine A to Z* by Susan Shipe Calfee; Oscar Senn; illustrator, Wordwhittler Books

GOLD - *Never Isn't Long Enough* by F. Diane Pickett, Uphill Publishing

COVER DESIGN: LARGE FORMAT

SILVER - *Business Personal Growth* by Ginger Marks, DocUmeant Publishing

SILVER - *Lady of the House, An Eden's Gate Novel* by Lynn Braxton, Southern Star Press

GOLD - *When Mommy Got Cancer: Creating Joy Together* by Karen Garcia; Lisa J. Michaels, Illustrator, Hibiscus Publishing

PRESIDENT'S PICK – OVER ALL BEST BOOK

Finding Florida: The True History of the Sunshine State by T.D. Allman, Grove Press

FOUNDERS AWARD

Karla Wheeler, Quality of Life Publishing Company