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Literary Classics Announces 2019 Youth Media Book Awards

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SOUTH DAKOTA – The 2019 Literary Classics International Book Award recipients have been announced. Selected from submissions by entrants around the globe, these distinguished honorees are recognized for their contributions to the craft of writing, illustrating, and publishing exceptional literature for a youth audience. In this highly competitive industry these books represent the foremost in literature in their respective categories.

The competition this year was tremendous, and we congratulate all honorees for their outstanding and inspiring work. Literary Classics is proud to recognize this year’s award-winning titles which exemplify the criteria set forth by the Literary Classics selection committee.

2019 LITERARY CLASSICS BOOK AWARDS

TOP HONORS AWARDS

**The Enchanted Page Book Award**

Kena Sosa

Alexis Braud (Illustrator)

*The Unhuggables*

River Road Press

**The Eloquent Quill Book Award​**

Jackie Minniti

*One Small Spark*

Anaiah Press

**Words on Wings Book Award**

Susan Morrison

*Home Front Girl*

Chicago Review Press

**Lumen Award for Literary Excellence**

Annie Boochever

*Fighter in Velvet Gloves*

University of Alaska Press

YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD

Navya Sarikonda, *The Enchanters’ Child*, Ingramspark

Picture Book /Early Reader

Adventure - GOLD

Sonya Song, Javier Giménez Ratti (Illustrator), *Pirate Bear*, Chinchilla Books

Adventure - SILVER

Joseph W. Ruder, *Daydreaming Danny and the Pirate Treasure*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing

Animals - GOLD

M.J. Evans, Gaspar Sabater (Illustrator), *PERCY - The Racehorse Who Didn’t Like to Run*, Dancing Horse Press

Animals - SILVER

Gloria Lintermans, Kristina Tosic (Illustrator), *SAM: The Cat Without a Tail*, Blooming Twig Books

Educational - GOLD

Suzanne Jacobs Lipshaw*, I Campaigned for Ice Cream*, Warren Publishing

Educational - SILVER

Gloria Lintermans, Kristina Tosic (Illustrator), *SAM: The Cat Without a Tail*, Blooming Twig Books

General - GOLD

Lisa Calhoun-Owen, Matthew Scott Reilly (Illustrator), The Moonlight Dancer, Warren Publishing
General - SILVER

Barbara Freeman, Ruth Araceli Rodríguez (Illustrator), *Mirror Mirror*, Laredo Publishing Company

Rhyme - GOLD

Sonya Song, Daniel Howard (Illustrator), *City of More*, Chinchilla Books

Rhyme - SILVER

Laura Bullock, Rondi Kutz (Illustrator), *The Traveling Javelinas*, Create Space Independent Publishing

Chapter Book / Middle Grade/Upper MG

Adventure - GOLD

C.R. Stewart, *Britfield and the Lost Crown*, Devonfield Publishing

Adventure - SILVER

Connie Huddleston, *Greg’s Fourth Adventure in Time*, ITP Press

Fantasy - GOLD

A. M. Robin, *Hidden Scales*, A.M. Robin

Fantasy - SILVER

Chad-Michael Simon, *Yellowstone: The Bears of Caldera*, Hyphenated Press

General - GOLD

Jessica Renwick, *The Book of Chaos*, Starfell Press

General - SILVER

Christina M Pages, *The Woodland Adventures of Lucy and Will*, Waldorf Publishing

Historical - GOLD

Jackie Minniti, *One Small Spark*, Anaiah Press

Historical - SILVER

Wendy Leighton-Porter, *The Shadow of Camelot*, Silver Quill Publishing

Young Adult / New Adult

Adventure - GOLD

Geanna Culbertson, *Crisanta Knight: Inherent Fate*, BQB Publishing

Adventure - SILVER

John Egenes, *Man & Horse: The Long Ride Across America*, Delta Vee

Coming of Age - GOLD

Patrick Garry, *In the Shadow of War*, Kenric Books

Coming of Age - SILVER

J.W. Garrett, *Remeon’s Destiny*, BHC Press

Fantasy - GOLD

Alison McBain, *The Rose Queen*, Fairfield Scribes

Fantasy - SILVER

Astrid V.J., *Aspiring, Part 1 of the Siblings’ Tale*, New Wings Press

General - GOLD

Jessica Reed, *Running with the Wolves*, BHC Press

General - SILVER

John Egenes, *Man & Horse: The Long Ride Across America*, Delta Vee

Historical - GOLD

Susan Morrison, *Home Front Girl*, Chicago Review Press

Historical - SILVER

Diana Forbes, *Mistress Suffragette*, Penmore Press LLC

Paranormal - GOLD

Mutch Katsonga, *The Melancholy History of Mayfly*, Self-Published

Paranormal - SILVER

V. A. Givens, *Sealed with a Twist*, Eclectic Quill Publishing

Romance - GOLD

Geanna Culbertson, *Crisanta Knight: Inherent Fate*, BQB Publishing

Romance - SILVER

Diana Forbes, *Mistress Suffragette*, Penmore Press LLC

Science Fiction - GOLD

​Jessica Reed, *Running with the Wolves*, BHC Press

Science Fiction - SILVER

Bon Blossman, *Behind the Mirror*, My Mystery Party

BEST IN CATEGORY

BEST ILLUSTRATOR

Sonya Song, *Pirate Bear*, Chinchilla Books

BEST FIRST BOOK

A. M. Robin, *Hidden Scales*, A.M. Robin

SPECIAL INTEREST CATEGORIES

Activitiy

Jeannie Panchal, *Oregon Trail Activity Guide*, Self-Published

Contemporary

Patrick Finegan, *Cooperative Lives*, Two Skates Publishing LLC

Cultural

Sylvia Sanchez Garza, *Cascarones*, Floricanto Press

Drama

Patrick Garry, *In the Shadow of War*, Kenric Books

Environmental

Lori Harrison, Jon Harrison (Illustrator), *Why Water’s Worth It*, Water Environment Federation

Fairy Tale

Astrid V.J., *Aspiring, Part 1 of the Siblings’ Tale*, New Wings Press

Faith Based

Ndaa Hassan, Azra Momin (Illustrator), *Ramadan Around the World*, Self-Published

Folklore

Wendy Leighton-Porter*, The Shadow of Camelot*, Silver Quill Publishing

Health & Wellness

Edy Nathan, *It’s Grief: The Dance of Self Discovery*, As I Am Press

Holiday

Ndaa Hassan, Azra Momin (Illustrator), *Ramadan Around the World*, Self-Published

Humor

Tracy Detz, *No Fish For Charles*, Warren Publishing

Inspirational

Suzanne Jacobs Lipshaw, *I Campaigned for Ice Cream*, Warren Publishing

Literary

Daniela I Norris, *Premonitions*, Roundfire Books

Mystery

Courtney Leigh Pahlke, *Life Force Preserve*, EBooks2Go

Social Issues

Lester Aradi, Darwin Marfil (Illustrator), *Tricycle and Friends*, Post Hill Press

Sports

Melanie Hooyenga, *The Edge Rules*, Left-Handed Mitten Publications

Thriller

Bon Blossman, *Behind the Mirror*, My Mystery Party

*Literary Classics, an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic literature which appeals to youth, while educating and encouraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics’ highly selective awards committee which honors books promoting character, vision, creativity and learning, through content which possesses key elements found in well-crafted literature.*

*The Literary Classics judging committee is comprised of experts with backgrounds in publishing, writing, editing, design, illustration, and book reviewing. To learn more about Literary Classics, visit their website at www.literaryclassicsawards.com.*