Adult Creative Writing Contest • 2023 Winners

Children’s Fiction
1ST PLACE
Jennifer Sneed
Scritch! It Came From the Mall!

2ND PLACE
Christine Good
Bedtime Story for Grown-ups

HONORABLE MENTION
James Cosby
The Bennu Bird and the Three Mountains

HONORABLE MENTION
Rebecca A. Thapa
Namaste Sanjay

Informal Essay
1ST PLACE
Jensen Bloom
From Chaos to Courage

2ND PLACE
Maria Kim
Love Language

HONORABLE MENTION
Alicia Chesser
Stutter Buddy

HONORABLE MENTION
Aanika Islam
Ivory Seeds of Nostalgia

HONORABLE MENTION
Hanna Al-Jibouri
Kenosha, Wisconsin is One Reason I Don’t Want to be a Mother

HONORABLE MENTION
Bonnie Ashing
The Unraveling

Short Story
1ST PLACE
Dana Himrich
The Only Grave on the Moon

2ND PLACE
Alyssa Zavattero
A Family Matter

HONORABLE MENTION
Kevin Hui
Saffron

HONORABLE MENTION
JB Nicholson Hunt
Red Dirt, Fried Rabbits and Peach Pie

HONORABLE MENTION
Mahli Webster
Drippings of the Land

Young Adult Fiction
1ST PLACE
Jeanean Doherty
Massacre at Tugaloo

2ND PLACE
Xander Donald
Chasing the Sky

HONORABLE MENTION
Hailee Nicole Henson
Dresden

HONORABLE MENTION
Warren Williams
Grandpa’s Cabin