



Lambda Literary Award Finalists Announced

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CHAMPAIGN, IL -- The Lambda Literary Foundation announced today the finalists for the 15th Annual Lambda Literary Awards for excellence in gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) literature. The winners will be announced at a gala event in Los Angeles at the historic Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on Thursday, May 29, 2003.

Alyson Publications, based in Los Angeles, boasts the most nominees with twelve nods in seven different categories. St. Martin's Press comes out with four finalists. San Francisco's Cleis Press grabs three finalists including two in the Erotica category.

This year's finalists, chosen from over 350 nominated titles, reflect the continuing variety and vitality of GLBT book publishing. The full range of the publishing industry - large mainstream publishing houses, small presses, gay and lesbian/feminist presses and university presses - appear in the list.

Over seventy judges, representing a broad cross-section of the gay and lesbian literary world, will select a single book in each category to win the prestigious Lammy Award, considered to be the highest accolade for a book from the GLBT community.

The Lambda Literary Foundation is the only national nonprofit organization which is dedicated to the recognition, promotion and publication of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered writing. The Foundation publishes the Lambda Book Report, a monthly GLBT book review magazine, and The James White Review, a gay men's literary quarterly. Additionally, it organizes the annual Lambda Literary Awards and an annual writers conference, the Lambda Literary Festival. The Lambda Literary Foundation is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

LAMBDA LITERARY AWARD 2003 FINALISTS

Gay Men's Fiction Avoidance, Michael Lowenthal, Graywolf Press At Swim Two Boys, Jamie O'Neill, Scribner Boulevard, Jim Grimsley, Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill Letters to Montgomery Clift, Noël Alumit, MacAdam/Cage Publishing The Martian Child, David Gerrold, Forge

Lesbian Fiction Fingersmith, Sarah Waters, Riverhead Books Lucky in the Corner, Carol Anshaw, Houghton Mifflin Company Stay, Nicola Griffith, Doubleday Godspeed, Lynn Breedlove, St. Martin's Press This Place Called Absence, Lydia Kwa, Kensington Publishing

Gay Men's Poetry The Christmas Poems, Krandal Kraus, AttaGirl Press Hazmat, J.D. McClatchy, Alfred A. Knopf Landscape with Human Figure, Rafael Campo, Duke University Press Ten Tongues, Reginald Harris, Three Conditions Press Theory of Devolution, David Groff, University of Illinois Press

Lesbian Poetry Body Language, C.C. Carter, Kings Crossing Publishing Mules of Love, Ellen Bass, BOA Editions, Ltd. Passing, Eloise Klein Healy, Red Hen Press Red, Melanie Braverman, Perugia Press Unraveling at the Name, Jenny Factor, Copper Canyon Press

Gay Men's Mystery Hot Spot, Michael Craft, St. Martin's Press Murder in the Rue Dauphine, Greg Herren, Alyson Publications The

Hired Man, Dorien Grey, GLB Publishers The Lodger, Drew Gummerson, Millivres The Snow Garden, Christopher Rice, Miramax

Lesbian Mystery Accidental Murder, Claire McNab, Bella Books Death by Prophecy, Lauren Maddison, Alyson Publications Good Bad Woman, Elizabeth Woodcraft, Kensington Publishing Immaculate Midnight, Ellen Hart, St. Martin's Press The Weeping Buddha, Heather Dune Macadam, Akashic Books

Autobiography Famous Builder, Paul Lisicky, Graywolf Press Insurgent Muse, Terry Wolverton, City Lights Publishers Surviving Madness, Betty Berzon, University of Wisconsin Press The Chelsea Whistle, Michelle Tea, Seal Press Wild Animals I Have Known, Kevin Bentley, Green Candy Press

Fiction Anthology Bend Sinister-The Gay Times Book of Disturbing Stories, Peter Burton, ed., Millivres Black Like Us, Devon Carbado, Dwight McBride and Don Weise, eds., Cleis Press Queer Fear II, Michael Rowe, ed., Arsenal Pulp Press Rebel Yell 2, Jay Quinn, ed., Southern Tier Editions/Harrington Park Press Summer Share, Chris Kenry, William J. Mann, Andy Schell and Ben Tyler, Kensington Publishing

Nonfiction Anthology Found Tribe, Lawrence Schimel, ed., Sherman Asher Publishing >From ACT UP to the WTO, Benjamin Shepard and Ronald Hayduk, eds., Verso GenderQueer, Joan Nestle, Riki Wilchins and Claire Howell, eds., Alyson Publications The Man I Might Become, Bruce Shenitz, ed., Marlowe & Company This Bridge We Call Home, Analouse Keating and Gloria Anzaldúa, eds., Routledge

Biography Gay Rebel of the Harlem Renaissance, Thomas Wirth, ed., Duke University Press Glenway Wescott Personally, Jerry Rosco, University of Wisconsin Press Rare and Commonplace Flowers, Carmen L. Oliveira, Rutgers University Press Ridiculous!, David Kaufman, Applause Theatre & Cinema Books Wild Heart, Suzanne Rodriguez, Ecco Books

Children/Young Adult Felicia's Favorite Story, Lesléa Newman, Two Lives Publishing King & King, Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland, Tricycle Press Letters in the Attic, Bonnie Shimko, Academy Chicago Press Lovers' Legends: The Gay Greek Myths, Andrew Calimach, Haiduk Press The Sissy Duckling, Harvey Fierstein, Simon & Schuster

Erotica Bedroom Eyes, Lesléa Newman, ed., Alyson Publications Best Gay Erotica 2003, Richard Labonte, ed., Cleis Press Best Lesbian Erotica 2003, Tristan Taormino, ed., Cleis Press Cocksure, Bob Vickery, Alyson Publications The Sperm Engine, Stephen Greco, Green Candy Press

Humor Gaydar, Donald F. Reuter, Crown Publishers Is It a Date or Just Coffee, Mo Brownsey, Alyson Publications Screening Party, Dennis Hensley, Alyson Publications Skipping Towards Gomorrah, Dan Savage, Dutton The Big Book of Lesbian Horse Stories, Alisa Surkis and Monica Nolan, Kensington Publishing

Visual Arts A Hidden Love, Dominique Fernandez, Prestel On the Couch-Volume One, Tom Bianchi, Bruno Gmünder Verlag Out/Lines, Thomas Waugh, Arsenal Pulp Press Outlaw Representation, Richard Meyer, Oxford University Press Paul Cadmus: The Male Nude, Justin Spring, Universe Publishing

Romance Boyfriend Material, Jon Jeffrey, Kensington Publishing Different People, Orland Outland, Alyson Publications Nora and Liz, Nancy Garden, Bella Books She Loves Me, She Loves Me Not, Lesléa Newman, Alyson Publications The Winter of Our Discothèque, Andrew W.M. Beierle, Kensington Publishing

SF/Fantasy/Horror Daughters of an Amber Noon, Katherine V. Forrest, Alyson Publications Queer Fear II, Michael Rowe, ed., Arsenal Pulp Press Seeds of Fire, Karin Kallmaker writing as Laura Adams, Bella Books The Devil Inside, Randy Boyd, West Beach Books Wired Hard 3, Cecilia Tan, ed., Circlet Press

Spirituality Courage to Love, Geoffrey Duncan, The Pilgrim Press Found Tribe, Lawrence Schimel, ed., Sherman Asher Publishing Lovers' Legends: The Gay Greek Myths, Andrew Calimach, Haiduk Press Queer Jews, David Schneer and Caryn Aviv, eds., Routledge Queering Christ, Robert E. Goss, The Pilgrim Press

LGBT Studies *Soul beneath the Skin*, David Nimmons, St. Martin's Press *Love in a Dark Time*, Colm Tóibín, Scribner *Sex-Crime Panic*, Neil Miller, Alyson Publications *Queering India*, Ruth Vanita, ed., Routledge *>From Identity to Politics*, Craig Rimmerman, Temple University Press

Transgender Brazen Femme, Chloë Brushwood Rose and Anna Camilleri, eds., Arsenal Pulp Press *Dress Codes*, Noelle Howey, Picador USA *GenderQueer*, Joan Nestle, Riki Wilchins and Claire Howell, eds., Alyson Publications *Middlesex*, Jeffery Eugenides, Farrar, Straus & Giroux *Some of the Parts*, T Cooper, Akashic Books