

**2012 Writers-Editors Network International Writing Competition - WINNERS**  
**(HM = Honorable Mention)**

**SHORT STORY - UNPUBLISHED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE - Kimberlee Esselstrom, Groveland, Fla. – “The Sister Dance” – Literary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - John J. White, Merritt Island, Fla. – “Beneath the Wintry Sky” – Literary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Linda Newman, San Mateo, Cal. – “The Visit”
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM - Robert M. Temple, Homosassa, Fla. – “The Wolf-Gray War Bonnet” – Western
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Mary Kay McAllister, Juno Beach, Fla. – “Second Chances” – Literary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM - Margaret Truly, Hoover, Ala. – “The Parachute Dress” – Literary
- 4<sup>th</sup> HM - Sylvia Forbes, Fayette, Mo. – “Revenge by Retriever”
- 5<sup>th</sup> HM - Melanie Peterson, Jackson Heights, NY – “Scary Dream”
- 6<sup>th</sup> HM - Alicia Stankay, Ambridge, Penn. – “Rest in Peace”
- 7<sup>th</sup> HM - Margaret Truly, Hoover, Ala. – “Money Talks” – Mystery
- 8<sup>th</sup> HM - Suzann Owings, Albuquerque, NM – “The Debt” – Fantasy
- 9<sup>th</sup> HM - Geraldine Bass, Olathe, Kan. – “That Rundown Old House” – Mystery
- 10<sup>th</sup> HM - Ann King, Palisade, Col. – “Split-Second Decision”

**NOVEL CHAPTER - UNPUBLISHED**

- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE - T. D. Hart, Bixby, Okla. – “Circles,” Chapter One
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - Gretchen Craig, Denton, Tex. – “Theena’s Landing,” Chapter One
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Susan Nickerson, Wesley Chapel, Fla. – “Amazing Grace,” Chapter One
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM - Kate Ruland-Thorne, Grand Junction, Col. – “Courage on the Nile,” Part I, Chapter One
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Maris Soule, South Haven, Mich. – “Pandora’s Box,” Chapter One
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM - Gale Martin, Lititz, Penn. – “The Shaker Proposal,” Chapter 1
- 4<sup>th</sup> HM - Gale Martin, Lititz, Penn. – “Ms. Manon in Hankey, PA,” Chapter 1
- 5<sup>th</sup> HM - Robert Samuel Cromartie III, MD, Ormond Beach, Fla. – “An Innocent Lie,” Chapter 1
- 6<sup>th</sup> HM - Laura Reese, Mobile, Ala. – “Center of Gravity,” Chapter 1
- 7<sup>th</sup> HM - Debbie Allen, Tallahassee, Fla., “The Swinging Door,” Chapter Three
- 8<sup>th</sup> HM - Barbara A. Andrews, Richmond, Tex. – “The Backwoods Princess,” Chapter 1
- 9<sup>th</sup> HM - Laura Reese, Mobile, Ala. – “Stay Tuned,” Chapter 1
- 10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Irene Kueh, Lincoln, Ill. – “The Enchanted Voices,” Chapter One
- 10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Ann King, Palisade, Col. – “Time Stream,” Chapter Eleven

**CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE - Heather Hamel, Elkton, Fla. – “Kobi: Memoirs of a Mustang,” Chapter 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - Lisa A. Wroble, Naples, Fla. – “Thicker Than Thieves,” Chapter 1: Hope
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Dorothy Davis Lyles, Stamford, Conn. – “Cat and Dog are Best Friends,” short story
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM - Barbara Baig, Edmunds Township, Maine – “The Ice House,” poem
- 2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Carol Bennett, West Warwick, RI – “Sadie: A Revolutionary War Story,” book chapter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> HM - A. Gwynn Henderson, Lexington, Ken. – “Hunting for Sounds,” nonfiction article
- 4<sup>th</sup> HM - Jan Evans, Toccoa, Ga. – “Dandelions at Dawn,” poem
- 5<sup>th</sup> HM - Carol MacAllister, Boqueron, P.R. – “The Old Man and the Papaya, or Never Trust a Monkey,” short story
- 6<sup>th</sup> HM - Michael L. Thal, Sherman Oaks, Cal. – “Signs of Friendship,” short story
- 7<sup>th</sup> HM - Bekah Grace Schumm, Manhattan, Kan. – “Amy’s New Life,” novel chapter
- 8<sup>th</sup> HM - Susan T. Davis, Poughkeepsie, NY – “Feisty Dicey (1766-1837): A Courageous American Patriot,” story article
- 9<sup>th</sup> HM - Cindy, Pontrelli, Green Cove Springs, Fla. – “Jellyfish Jam,” article
- 10<sup>th</sup> HM - Carol Bennett, West Warwick, RI – “The Skaters,” historical novel chapter

### **PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED NONFICTION ARTICLE/ESSAY/BOOK CHAPTER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE - Alessandra Bianchi, Marblehead, Mass. – “Earning Our Turns,” *Vermont Magazine*  
2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - Kay Grant, Albuquerque, NM – “Stroke of (Evil) Genius,” *American Way*  
3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Kathleen Vestal Logan, Gulf Breeze, Fla. – “Climate Map: Thrive in Your Natural Growing Zone,”  
Chapter 2: *Second Blooming For Women*  
1<sup>st</sup> HM - Marcelle Soviero, Wilton, Conn. – “Making Peace at My Ex-Husband’s Seder,” *Salon*  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Marie Marley, Olathe, Kan. – “The Little Yellow One,” *Alzheimer’s Reading Room*  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM - K. B. Schaller, Plantation, Fla. – “Native Code Talkers Too Much for the German Army,” *The Christian Post*  
4<sup>th</sup> HM - Paul Fein, Agawam, Mass. – “Should Caroline Wozniacki Rank No. 1 in the World?” *Tennis*  
5<sup>th</sup> HM - Patrick Flanary, New York, NY – “Welcome to the Jungle,” *DRUM!*  
6<sup>th</sup> HM - K. B. Schaller, Plantationm Fla. – “Osama Bin Laden, Geronimo and the Native American Perspective,”  
*The Christian Post*  
7<sup>th</sup> HM - Marcelle Soviero, Wilton, Conn. – “Loving Lydia,” *Weston Magazine Group*  
8<sup>th</sup> HM - Barbara Baig, Edmunds Township, Maine – “The Talent Myth,” *The Writer*  
9<sup>th</sup> HM - Barbara Layman, Van Nuys, Calif. – “It Was All Started by a Mouse,” *Disney Dream File*  
10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Sylvia Forbes, Fayette, Mo. – “There’s No Place Like Home...in a Cave,” *Missouri Life*  
10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Dr. Robert Norman, Tampa, Fla. – “A Dermatologist Treats an Anxious Patient,” *Discover*

### **UNPUBLISHED NONFICTION ARTICLE/ESSAY/BOOK CHAPTER**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE -Melanie Topp Cleveland, San Luis Obispo, Calif. – *Poisoned*, Chapter One, “Greenwoods’s Greatest Scandal”  
2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - Michael Moore, Rockwall, Tex. – *I Am Moore*, Chapter 37  
3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Kimberlee Esselstrom, Groveland, Fla. – “Fuchsia Envy,” essay  
1<sup>st</sup> HM - Ira Spector, Coronado, Calif. – “Visit to a Third-World Country”  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Ira Spector, Coronado, Calif. – “Close Enough”  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM - Charlotte Sundberg, Centerville, Mass. – *My Life as a Motherless Daughter*, Chapter 2  
4<sup>th</sup> HM - Marie Marley, Olathe, Kan. – “Please Wear a Tux,” book sub-chapter  
5<sup>th</sup> HM - Irene Uttendorfsky, Port Leyden, NY – *My Adirondack Summer*, Chapter 1  
6<sup>th</sup> HM - Jacquelyn Speir, Honolulu, Hawaii – “Word Search,” essay  
7<sup>th</sup> HM - Cindy Pontrelle, Green Cove Springs, Fla. – “Transition”  
8<sup>th</sup> HM - Lily Beck, Weaverville, NC – “The Grandfather”  
9<sup>th</sup> HM - Kathleen Vestal Logan, Gulf Breeze, Fla. – “What Military People Wish You Knew about Their Family Life”  
10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Sylvia Forbes, Fayette, Mo. – “The Thrill of the Chase”  
10<sup>th</sup> HM - (tie) Ann Kronwald, Chandler, Ariz. – “The Chase”

### **POETRY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE - Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, Fla. – “The Sound of Lonesome”  
2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE - Leslie C. Halpern, Oviedo, Fla. – “In-Laws’ Moving Sale”  
3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE - Matthew Pearce, Celebration, Fla. – “Unforgiven”  
1<sup>st</sup> HM - Carol Carpenter, Livonia, Mich. – “Cherry Poem”  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Catherine Moran, Little Rock, Ark. – “A dissertation on the classroom”  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM - Betsy Humphreys, Granite Falls, NC – “In the Groove”  
4<sup>th</sup> HM - Alise Versella, Lanoka Harbor, NJ – “For S. L. V.”  
5<sup>th</sup> HM - Joan Weiner, Weaverville, NC – “New Bed”  
6<sup>th</sup> HM - Carol Dee Meeks, Tulsa, Okla. – “If You Listen, You Can Hear It”  
7<sup>th</sup> HM - Betsy Humphreys, Granite Falls, NC – “Learning Japanese at Nikka Yuko Garden”  
8<sup>th</sup> HM - Ruan Wright, Bolingbrook, Ill. – “What I Can’t Hear”  
9<sup>th</sup> HM - Geraldine Bass, Olathe, Kan. – “It’s Two O’ Clock in the Morning”

Winners List posted online, with some judges’ comments - URL for Winners Lists for this year’s and past winners is [www.writers-editors.com/Writers/Contests/Winners/winners.htm](http://www.writers-editors.com/Writers/Contests/Winners/winners.htm) or <http://bit.ly/Jpesvj>