



The Quills Awards

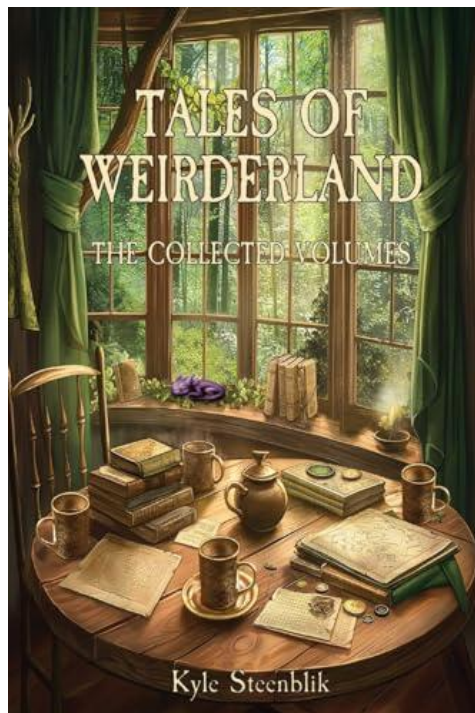
For Published Texts

Winners announced at the Quills Conference
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Diamond Quill Winner 2025

Kyle Steenblik

“Tales of Weirderland: The Collected Volumes”
(The Typewriters Chapter)



Middle-Grade and Young Adult Novels:

- Gold Quill: Polly Bringham "Finnegan Flynt and the Value of Pi" (Write On-St George)
- Gold Quill: Johnny Worthen "Things Bequeathed" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Quill: A.M. Luzzader "Baxter Bean and the Misachievers" (Cache chapter)
- Bronze Quill: Haley Cavanagh "Shadowed Skies" (Just Write)

Novellas & Novelettes:

- Gold Quill: Sara Fitzgerald "Making a Mess of Things" (Romance and Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Quill: Katherine Monasterio "Rules of the Kaidō Club" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Bronze Quill: Ali Jamalzadeh "Lucid Window Relay" (Unaffiliated)
- Recommended Read: Bryan Young "BattleTech: Let Slip the Dogs of War" (Salt City Genre Writers)

Adult Novels:

- Gold Quill: Louise Hurd "The Secret of Surviving in the Sea" (Blue Quill)
- Silver Quill: Mike Nelson "The Mill Master's Dozen" (Brigham City Chapter)
- Bronze Quill: Johnny Worthen "The Gaia Chime" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: Lindsay Hiller "Lauren in Pieces" (Typewriters-Farmington)

Nonfiction:

- Gold Quill: Mayte Mata Sivera & Yasmina Khelifi "The Volunteering Journey to Project Leadership: A Pathway to Improving Leadership Skills, Broadening Networks, and Exploring New Fields" (Just Write)
- Silver Quill: Tom Garrison "Hiking Southwest Utah and Adjacent Areas, Volume Four" (Write On-St George)

Collections:

- Gold Quill: Sylvia Langille "You Should Not Be" (Unaffiliated)
- Silver Quill: Daniel R. Yocom "Twisted Tales" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Quill: Elizabeth Suggs "Collective Chaos" (Romance Writers)



The Palette Awards

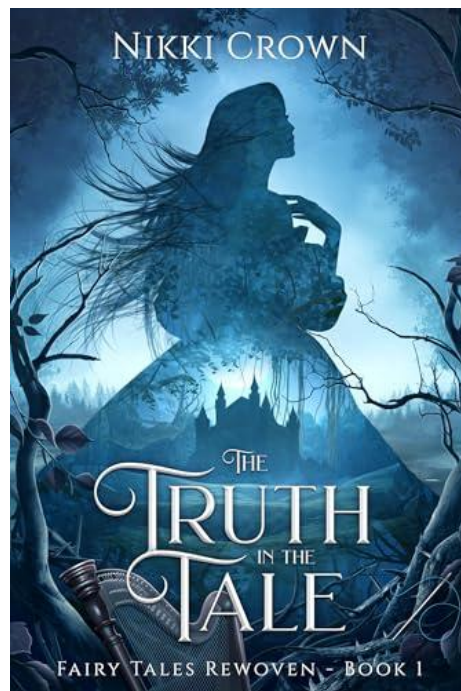
Book Cover Contest

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Lapis Lazuli Award

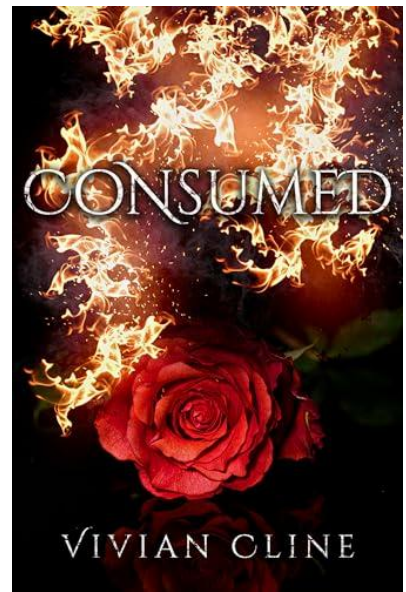
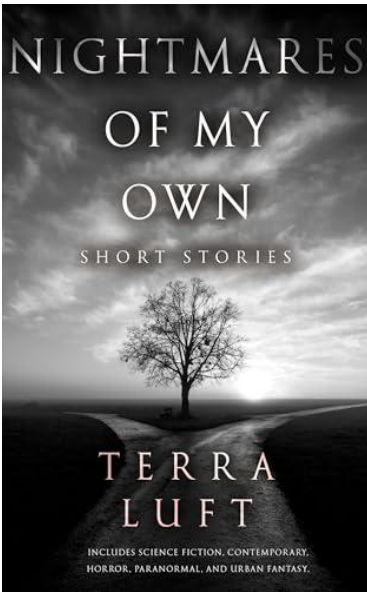
Nikki Crown

"The Truth in the Tale"
(The Write Stuff)



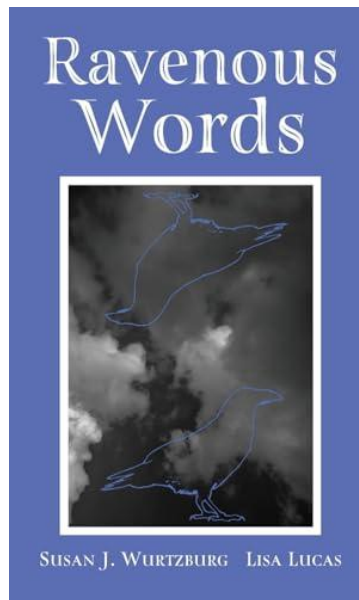
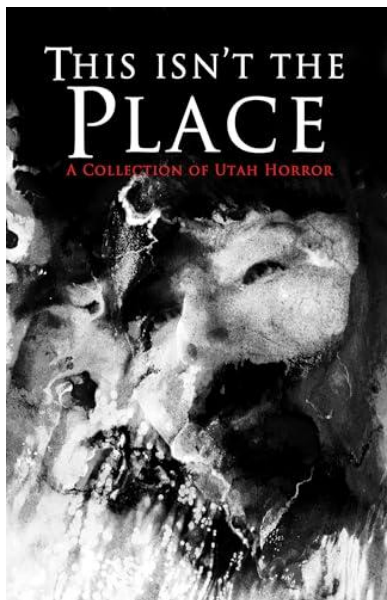
Independent Publications:

- Gold Palette: Terra Luft “Nightmares of My Own: Short Stories” (Blue Quill)
- Silver Palette: Johnny Worthen “Things Bequeathed” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Bronze Palette: Vivian Cline “Consumed” (Infinite Monkeys)



Traditional Publications:

- Gold Palette: Sylvia Langille “This Isn't the Place” (Unaffiliated)
- Silver Palette: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Ravenous Words” (Red Butte Bards)
- Bronze Palette: Johnny Worthen “The Gaia Chime” (Infinite Monkeys)





The Typewriter Awards

For Published Creative Writing

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Emerald Typewriter Winner 2025

Rachael Bush

“Botany for Everyone: Cones”
(Blue Quill and Utah KidLit)

Comic Book

- Gold Typewriter: Rachel Bush “Botany for Everyone: Inside a Plant” (Blue Quill and Utah KidLit)

Flash Fiction

- Gold Typewriter: Mae Thorn “Ghost Writer” (Romance Chapter)
- Silver Typewriter: Linda K Allison “Just Swim” (Just Write)
- Bronze Typewriter: Pat Partridge “If Grief Could be Washed Away” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: Pat Partridge “The Sixth Bullett” (Infinite Monkeys)

Media Article

- Gold Typewriter: Bryan Young “The case against banning Craig Thompson's Blankets” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Silver Typewriter: Pat Partridge “Word of the Day: elon” (Infinite Monkeys)

- Bronze Typewriter: Steve Capone, Jr. “As teachers we need guidance for enforcing full compliance with Utah’s book bans. Help!” (Salt City Genre Writers, Utah Screenwriters Guild, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: Bryan Young “The Utah Legislature's bathroom bill makes criminals out of trans children” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Recommended Read: Carolyn Campbell “Brushes With the Beyond” (Unaffiliated)

Nonfiction

- Gold Typewriter: Inna V. Lyon “A Whimper Can Be A Prayer, Too” (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)
- Silver Typewriter: Sharman Elizabeth Ober-Reynolds “Justice and Mercy” (Just Write)
- Bronze Typewriter: Bridget Verhaaren “Panini & Psilocybin” (Good AF Writers)
- Recommended Read: Daniel R. Yocom “My Journey to Where I Belong” (Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry

- Gold Typewriter: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Blue Skies Beckon” (Red Butte Bards)
- Silver Typewriter: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Water Alchemy” (Red Butte Bards)
- Bronze Typewriter: Linda Allison “For the Love of Color: Ochre” (Just Write)
- Recommended Read: Talysa Sainz “What Friends Are For” (Unaffiliated)

Short Story

- Gold Typewriter: Jayrod P. Garrett “The Bottom of the World” (Infinite Monkeys and Salt Lake Genre Writers)
- Silver Typewriter: Heidi Voss “L'Appel du Vide” (Salt City Scribes)
- Bronze Typewriter: Masha Shukovich “The Invisibles” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Recommended Read: Bryan Young “Leon” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Recommended Read: Bryan Young “Licensed to Die” (Salt City Genre Writers)



The Olive Woolley Burt Awards

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New Voices Categories

New Voices: Creative Nonfiction

- First Place: Celine Sorenson "Let's Powwow" (Unaffiliated)
- Second Place: Wayne Gledhill "A Time of Kings" (Wordcraft & Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Edmond Porter "Twists of Fate" (Brigham City Writers and Cache Valley Chapter)
- Honorable Mention: Amy Claire Rudd "The Burden of Belonging" (Unaffiliated)

New Voices: General Nonfiction

- First Place: Linda Peterson "Hunt for the Wildermothers" (Typewriters)

New Voices: First Chapter Adult

- First Place: Kelly Fae Wilson "Tanked" (Typewriters)
- Second Place: Stella Taryn "Come Back to Me - Chapter One" (Romance Chapter)
- Third Place: Linda Peterson "Mama Bear" (Typewriters)
- Honorable Mention: Erin Poche "House of Yes" (SLC Genre Writers)

New Voices: First Chapter YA, Middle Grade, & Children's

- First Place: Jackie Gommess "I Am Evil" (Blue Quill)
- Second Place: Rachel Webb "Wolf Walker and the Book that Poofed Green Smoke" (Write On-St George)
- Third Place: Linda Peterson "Canine Z" (Typewriters)
- Honorable Mention: Jackie Gommess "Monster Soul" (Blue Quill)

New Voices: General & Literary Fiction

- First Place: Wendy Bird Womack "Pearl Face" (Write On-St George)

New Voices: Genre Fiction

- First Place: Tyler Smith "After The Light" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Celine Sorenson "The Visitors" (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Third Place: Jackie Gommess "Breaking Point" (Blue Quill)
- Honorable Mention: Alberto Squassabia "Have a Heart" (Write On-St George)

New Voices: Poetry

- First Place: Katrina McPheters "A Conversation with Ward Canyon" (Typewriters)
- Second Place: Linda Peterson "Happy 3rd Birthday Cayson" (Typewriters)
- Third Place: Robert Read "Tree Rings and Apple Things" (Blue Quill)
- Honorable Mention: Linda Peterson "Green Corduroy" (Typewriters)

Established Writers Categories

Flash Fiction: Creating Hope

- First Place: Marie Tollstrup "Diego on Holiday" (Write On)
- Second Place: Inna V. Lyon "Petition" (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

Flash Fiction: Authors Choice

- First Place: Tyler Smith "Human, Stormcloud" (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Marie Tollstrup "After the Fall" (Unaffiliated)
- Third Place: Jakob Tice "Hail Justice" (Nebo Novelists)
- Honorable Mention: Tom Wahl "The Barker" (Infinite Monkeys and Salt Lake Genre Writers)

First Chapter Adult

- First Place: Edmond Porter “Turbulent Waters” (Brigham City Writers and Cache Valley Chapter)
- Second Place: McKel Jensen “A Voice in the Thunder” (Brigham City Writers and Cache Valley Chapter)
- Third Place: C.W. Allen “Dog Save the King” (Utah KidLit)
- Honorable Mention: Sheena Blankenagel “The First She-Stallion” (Write On-St George)
- Honorable Mention: Pat Partridge “Martin is Dying” (Infinite Monkeys)

First Chapter YA, Middle Grade & Childrens

- First Place: Michelle Henrie “THISTLE MOUNTAIN WITCH” (Typewriters)
- Second Place: C.W. Allen “No P’s Allowed!” (Utah KidLit)
- Third Place: Justin Cole “The Undertaker’s Crypt” (Write On-St George)
- Honorable Mention: Michelle Henrie “Misspelled Chocolate” (Typewriters)

General and Literary Fiction

- First Place: Don Money “Atalanta” (Nonmember)
- Second Place: Eric John Anderson “The Moth” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Becki Clayson “Until Death Do Us Part” (BC Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Pat Partridge “Joltin’ Joe’s Coffee Crib” (Infinite Monkeys)

General Creative Nonfiction

- First Place: Dorothy Solomon “Uneasy Wrtier” (Write On-St George)
- Second Place: Julie Walton “The Woes of Mr. John S Johnson” (Write On-St George)
- Third Place: Sheena Blankenagel “Tough Women” (Write On-St George)
- Honorable Mention: Jacquelyn Dohonoey “The Survival of a Tornado” (Salt City Genre Writers)

Horror

- First Place: Steve Capone, Jr. “In My Suit” (Salt City Genre Writers, Utah Screenwriters Guild, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Abby Brinkerhoff “The Gas Station” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Johnny Worthen “Road to Ciel” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Bryan Young “The Grand Industrial” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Honorable Mention: Jessica Van Wagoner “Satisfied” (Infinite Monkeys)

Mystery & Thriller

- First Place: Joseph Gordon “Danger By Degree” (Write On-St George)
- Second Place: Johnny Worthen “The Third Man” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: Gina G “Mirror Lake” (Write On-St George, Infinite Monkeys)

Nonfiction

- First Place: Pat Partridge “Letter No. 2 to my Adult Son: On Laughter” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: C.W. Allen “Modern Book Bans Echo the Tragedy of Alexandria” (Utah KidLit)
- Third Place: A. M. Shiner “Pocket Full of Quarters” (Chapter 1: Davis County)
- Honorable Mention: Lucy Beale “Splat” (Unaffiliated)

Poetry: Freeform & Slam

- First Place: Marie Tollstrup “Writers' Strike Fallout” (Write On)
- Second Place: Jef Huntsman “Pocket Rocks” (Red Butte Bards)
- Third Place: Sky Simons “Belonging” (Unaffiliated)
- Honorable Mention: Lucy Beale “Him” (Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Haiku

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay “Fatal Error” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: C. H. Lindsay “Butterfly Rumble” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Third Place: R. Lynn Hanks “Are you a winter?” (Typewriters)
- Honorable Mention: Marie Tollstrup “Triplet babes” (Write On)

Poetry: Light Verse

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay “Goblinsong” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Jef Huntsman “We Can Fix This” (Red Butte Bards)
- Third Place: Jef Huntsman “Edwin Crust” (Red Butte Bards)
- Honorable Mention: C. H. Lindsay “Frankenpuppy” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Limerick

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay “Monster Inn Gin” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)

- Second Place: C. H. Lindsay “The Vampire Ball” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)

Poetry: Narrative Poem

- First Place: Jef Huntsman “Enterrar sus Miedos” (Red Butte Bards)
- Second Place: Susan J. Wurtzburg “Canoe Lake Canoeists” (Red Butte Bards)
- Third Place: Talysa Sainz “Ampersand” (Unaffiliated)
- Honorable Mention: Marie Tollstrup “Husks of War” (Write On)

Poetry: Rhymed Poetry

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay “The Spun-Glass Ship” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: C. H. Lindsay “Wild Water Witches” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)

Romance

- First Place: September Roberts “Synthetic Heart” (Blue Quill and Kid Lit)
- Second Place: September Roberts “Demonized Love” (Blue Quill and Kid Lit)
- Third Place: Erin Poche “After Charlie” (SLC Genre Writers)
- Honorable Mention: F. J. Talley “Thank You for Everything” (Non-member)

Science Fiction & Fantasy

- First Place: C. H. Lindsay “Crisis Point” (Red Butte Bards, Oquirrh Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: Christopher Jones “The Heat of a Burning Plan” (Good American Fork Writers)
- Third Place: Danielle Harward “Hold Off The Press” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Jacquelyn Dohoney “The Long Goodbye” (Salt City Genre Writers)

Screenplays

- First Place: Bryan Young “The Gunslinger” (Salt City Genre Writers)
- Second Place: Michael Oborn “Screen Play” (Writerscash435, Logan, Utah)
- Third Place: Eric John Anderson “One's Own” (Infinite Monkeys)
- Honorable Mention: Steve Capone, Jr. “Cure for Creativity” (Utah Screenwriters Guild, Salt City Genre Writers, and Infinite Monkeys)

Short Prose Scripts

- First Place: Wendy Bird Womack “RE” (Write On)
- Second Place: Inna V. Lyon “Why are the English Lawns so Perfect?” (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)

Spiritual Essays

- First Place: Inna V. Lyon “If I Die Tomorrow” (Blue Quill and Infinite Monkeys)
- Second Place: C.W. Allen “Emily and The Thing” (Utah KidLit)
- Third Place: Robin Lynn Pratt “Hope” (Salt City Scribes)
- Honorable Mention: Tom Wahl “The Space We Share” (Infinite Monkeys and Salt City Genre Writers)