

FPA 2011 President's Book Awards Winners

On the evening of Saturday, November 5, 2011, the Florida Publishers Association (FPA) presented its 2011 President's Book Awards to finalists books chosen as the best in thirteen categories.

FPA President, Chris Angermann, was the master of ceremonies during the President's Book Awards Banquet at The Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel on Lido Beach, Sarasota. The awards program was the final event of the FPA Publishing Ed-U-Conference, themed "Publishing in a Digital Age."

Winners were selected from entries by the competition's judges, 23 librarians from across Florida, 2 national poetry experts, and 3 members of nationally recognized book design firms. One gold and two silver medals were awarded in each of the following categories:

Children's Picture Book

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Over in Australia by Marianne Berkes (story) and Jill Dubin (Illustr.), Dawn Publications.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

I Wonder If The Baby Will Look Like Me? by Eric Piazza, Muddy Dog Publishing

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Tea with Elisabeth: Tributes to Hospice Pioneer Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross by 51 Contributors, published by Quality of Life Publishing (Naples)

Children's Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

The Adventures of Charlie Pierce: The Last Egret by Harvey E. Oyer III, Middle River Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Captain Calliope and the Great Goateenies: A Bailey Fish Adventure by Linda Salisbury, Tabby House.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Big Boys Don't Spy by K.E.M. Johnston, Kitsune Books.

Florida Children's Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Felina's New Home: A Florida Panther Story by Loran Wlodarski (story) and Lew Clayton (illustr.) Sylvan Dell Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Snowy Pea and the Ghost Crab by Kyle Miller (story) and Rondon T. Eddy (illustr.), Jungle House Publications.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

The Adventures of Charlie Pierce: The Last Egret by Harvey E. Oyer III, Middle River Press.

Young Adult Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Gray Rainbow Journey by K.B. Schaller, Oak Tara Publishers.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

80 Proof Lives by Felicia S.W. Thomas, Amani Publishing.

Young Adult Non-Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

The Little Green Math Book by Brandon Royal, Maven Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

The Grumpy Girl's Guide to Good Manners by Rachel Aboukhair, New Chapter Publisher.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Weird is Normal: When Teenagers Grieve by Jenny Lee Wheeler, Quality of Life Publishing.

Adult Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Cracks in the Sidewalk by Bette L. Crosby, Instant Publisher.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Ursula's Prism by Anna Block, Gihon River Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Dead Air: A Sammy Greene Thriller by Deborah Shlian and Linda Reid, Oceanview Publishing.

Florida Fiction for Adults

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Cookie & Me by Mary Jane Ryals, Kitsune Books.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Miss Hildreth Wore Brown: Anecdotes of a Southern Belle by Olivia deBelle, Byrd Morgan James Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Going Home: A Life Fulfilled Helping Others by Lowell Teal, Bath Pond Publishing.

Adult Non-Fiction

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias: The Caregiver's Complete Survival Guide by Nataly Rubenstein, Two Harbor's Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

The Complete Guide to Building Your Green House by Craig Baird, Atlantic Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Planning Your Estate in Florida by Linda C. Ashar, Atlantic Publishing.

Florida Non-Fiction for Adults

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

The Living Gulf Coast: A Nature guide to Southwest Florida by Charles Sobczak, Indigo Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Cool Road Trips in Southeast Florida by Kim Cool, Historic Venice Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Tracks in the Sand: Sea Turtles and Their Protectors by Frank Gromling and Michel Cavaliere, Ocean Publishing.

E-Books

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

The Little Blue Reasoning Book by Brandon Royal, Maven Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Rising Sunsets by D.H. Cermeño, Dog Ear Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Gluten and Your Aging Body by Tina Turbin, Imagination Publishing Group.

Cover Design

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Explore the Southeast National Marine Sanctuaries with Jean Michel Cousteau, Ocean Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Reflections of a Loving Partner: Caregiving at the End of Life by C.Andrew Martin, Quality of Life Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Miss Hildreth Wore Brown: Anecdotes of a Southern Belle by Olivia deBelle Byrd Morgan, James Publishing.

Autobiography / Memoir

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Going to the Dogs: Confessions of a Mobile Pet Groomer by Jan Nieman, New Chapter Publisher.

Last Roll Call: the Adventure of a B-17 Tailgunner by Kenneth S. Tucker with Wanda Tucker Goodwin, Priority Publishing Company.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Here I Am a Writer by Christopher McIlroy, Kitsune Books.

Poetry

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Going by Sea: Poems and Thoughts in Today's World by Piero Rivolta, New Chapter Publisher.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

She Returns to the Floating World by Jeannine Hall Gailey, Kitsune Books.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Moonflower by Gianna Russo, Kitsune Books.

Business Book

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

Energize Your Training: Creative techniques to Engage Learners by Robert W. Lucas, ASTD Press.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

Successful Event Planning by Shannon Kilkenny, Atlantic Publishing.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER

199 Fun and Effective Fundraising Events for Nonprofit Organizations By Eileen Figure Sandlin and Richard Helweg, Atlantic Publishing.

Coffee Table Book

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

The Historical Footprints of the Wampanoag Indians by Chester P. Soliz, Bardolf & Company.

Hidden Cuba: A Photojournalist's Unauthorized Journey to Cuba to Capture Daily Life – 50 Years after Castro's Revolution By Atlantic Publications.