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Winners and Awards of Merit in The Word Guild's 2011 Canadian Christian Writing Awards

Book—Academic

Winner—James K. A. Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., for *Thinking in Tongues: Pentecostal Contributions to Christian Philosophy* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.)

Award of Merit—Deborah C. Bowen of Hamilton, Ont., for *Stories of the Middle Space: Reading the Ethics of Postmodern Realisms* (McGill-Queen's University Press)

Award of Merit—James R. Payton Jr. of Mount Hope, Ont., for *Getting the Reformation Wrong: Correcting Some Misunderstandings* (IVP Academic)

Book—Apologetics

Winner—Dr. Grant Richison of Saint Cloud, Fl., for *Certainty—A Place to Stand* (Castle Quay Books)

Book—Biblical Studies

Winner—Robert Russell of Camas, Wash., for *One Precious Pearl: God's Design for His Church* (Infinity Publishing)

Award of Merit—David Sawler of Glace Bay, N.S., for *The Disciple: God's Blueprint* (Word Alive Press)

Book—Children

Winner (Tie)—Connie Brummel Crook of Peterborough, Ont., for *No Small Victory* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited)

Winner (Tie)—Marla Stewart Konrad of Oakville, Ont., for *Just Like You* (Zonderkidz)

Book—Christian Leadership

Winner—Eleanor Shepherd of Pointe Claire, P.Q., for *More Questions than Answers: Sharing Faith by Listening* (Resource Publications)

Award of Merit—Karen Stiller of Port Perry, Ont., and Willard Metzger of Drayton, Ont., for *Going Missional: Conversations with 13 Canadian Churches Who Have Embraced Missional Life* (Word Alive Press)

Book—Christian Living

Winner—Brian Stiller of Newmarket, Ont., for *You Never Know What You Have Till You Give It Away* (Castle Quay Books)

Book—Culture

Winner—W. Harold Fuller of Stouffville, Ont., for *Sun Like Thunder: Following Jesus on Asia's Spice Road* (Centre for Contemporary Christianity)

Award of Merit—Karen Stiller of Port Perry, Ont., and Willard Metzger of Drayton, Ont., for *Going Missional: Conversations with 13 Canadian Churches who Have Embraced Missional Life* (Word Alive Press)

Book—General Readership

Winner (Tie)—Tim Huff of Toronto, Ont., for *Dancing With Dynamite: Celebrating Against the Odds* (Castle Quay Books)

Winner (Tie)—Denis Shackel of Grand Bend, Ont., and Tara Bradacs of Toronto, Ont., for *Five Seconds at a Time: How Leaders Can Make the Impossible Possible* (Harper Collins Publishers Ltd)

Winner (Tie)—Elaine A. Small of Belleville, Ont., for *Priests in the Attic* (Author House)

Book—Inspirational/Devotional

Winner—Stacey Gleddiesmith of Vancouver, B.C., for *Welcoming the Stranger: Readyng Ourselves for Christmas* (Regent College Publishing)

Book—Instructional

Winner—Tony Gentilucci of Mississauga, Ont., for *Stop Preaching and Start Communicating: Communication Principles Preachers Can Learn From Television* (Castle Quay Books)

Book—Life Stories

Winner—Denis Shackel of Grand Bend, Ont., and Tara Bradacs of Toronto, Ont., for *Five Seconds at a Time: How Leaders Can Make the Impossible Possible* (Harper Collins Publishers Ltd)

Award of Merit—Marshall Lawrence of Echo Bay, Ont., for *The World at My Door* (Guardian Books)

Book—Relationship

Winner—Mary A. Kassian of Sherwood Park, Alta., for *Girls Gone Wise—In a World Gone Wild* (Moody Publishing)

Book—Special

Winner (Tie)—Marianne Jones of Thunder Bay, Ont., for *Here, on the Ground* (Friesen Press)

Winner (Tie)—Laurie Lamb of Hawkestone, Ont., for *The Way of Ducks: A Cottage Devotional* (Word Alive Press)

Award of Merit—Kathleen Gibson of Ebenezer, Sask., for *Practice by Practice: The art of everyday faith* (Word Alive Press)

Book—Young Adult

Winner—Cynthia d'Entremont of Lakeview, N.S., for *Unlocked* (Word Alive Press)

Novel—Contemporary

Winner—Donna Dawson of St. Marys, Ont., for *Rescued* (Word Alive Press)

Novel—Futuristic/Fantasy

Winner—Cynthia d'Entremont of Lakeview, N.S., for *Unlocked* (Word Alive Press)

Novel—Historical

Winner—Janette Oke of Olds, Alta., and Davis Bunn for *The Hidden Flame* (Bethany House)

Award of Merit—Shawn J. Pollett of Golden Valley, Ont., for *What Rough Beast* (Word Alive Press)

Novel—Romance

Winner—M. D. Meyer of Norway House, Man., for *Jasmine: The Group—Week One* (Word Alive Press)

Article—Blog Series

Winner—Lynn Dove of Cochrane, Alta., for “The Author of Life” and “Even Though I Walk Through the Valley” (*lynn dove.wordpress.com*)

Article—Children/Young Adult

Winner—Corinne Mordaunt of Toronto, Ont., for “In the Beginning” (*Nature Friend*)

Article—General Readership (articles that explain or encourage faith for mainstream readers)

Winner—Thomas Froese of Kampala, Uganda for “There's Lots to Learn About Life, Death from Developing World” (*The Hamilton Spectator*)

Award of Merit—Thomas Froese of Kampala, Uganda for “By Losing Fun We Risk Much More” (*The Hamilton Spectator*)

Article—Inspirational/Devotional

Winner—Jack Dueck of Waterloo, Ont., for “The Burning Bush or the Plastic Mulberry” (*Institute for Theology and the Church*)

Article—Long Feature

Winner—Donna Mann of Holstein, Ont., for “Mother's Day—A Day to Celebrate, But How?” (*Christianity.ca*)

Award of Merit—Jack Dueck of Waterloo, Ont., for “The Burning Bush or the Plastic Mulberry” (*Institute for Theology and the Church*)

Award of Merit—Jayne Self of Toronto, Ont., for “Ghana: Boogie to the Front” (*Presbyterian Record*)

Article—Personal Experience

Winner—Ella Sailor of Elbow, Sask., for “I Can't Find Him” (*Inscribed*)

Article—Profile/Human Interest

Winner—Jack Dueck of Waterloo, Ont., for “A Tale of Two Trees” (Canadian Mennonite)

Article—Review

Winner—Violet Neddoly of Langley, B.C., for “Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors, and Friends by Mark A. Yarhouse, PsyD” (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*)

Article—Short Feature

Winner—Marcy Kennedy of Wallaceburg, Ont., for “Dying to be Beautiful: The high cost of believing the lie” (*testimony*)

Column—Single

Winner—Kurt Armstrong of Winnipeg, Man., for “Jesus Loves Your Penis, Son” (*Geez Magazine*)

Award of Merit—Stacey Gleddiesmith of Vancouver, B.C., for “My God, My God, Why? Understanding the Lament Psalms” (*Reformed Worship*)

Column—Series

Winner—Kathleen Gibson of Ebenezer, Sask., for “When I Grow Up, I Want to Be Like Mom” and “What About that Dead Robin?” (*Yorkton This Week*)

Poetry

Winner—Alvin G. Ens of Abbotsford, B.C., for “Blossom Blessing” (Rejoice, Mennonite Publishing)

Scripts and Screenplays

Winner—Terrie Todd of Portage la Prairie, Man., for “Once More with Passion” (Eldridge Publishing)

Song Lyrics

Winner—Kelita Haverland of Mississauga, Ont., for “Deep Dark Secret” (*Heart & Soul Music*)