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2014 INSPYs Shortlists Released

April 30, 2014—The INSPYs Advisory Board is pleased to announce that the following books have been shortlisted in the fourth annual INSPY Awards. Recognizing the need for a new kind of book award, the INSPYs — <http://inspys.com> — were created by bloggers to discover and highlight the very best in literature that grapples with expressions of the Christian faith.

Debut

Burning Sky by Lori Benton | Waterbrook Press
Born of Persuasion by Jessica Dotta | Tyndale House Publishers
A Bride for Keeps by Melissa Jagears | Bethany House Publishers
The Outcast by Jolina Petersheim | Tyndale House Publishers
Dear Mr Knightley by Katerine Reay | Thomas Nelson Publishers

General Fiction

When Mountains Move by Julie Cantrell | David C Cook
To Know You by Shannon Ethridge and Kathryn Mackel | Thomas Nelson Publishers
Widow of Gettysburg by Jocelyn Green | River North
Wings of Glass by Gina Holmes | Tyndale House Publishers
Iscariot by Tosca Lee | Howard Books

Contemporary Romance/Romantic Suspense

Wishing On Willows by Katie Ganshert | Waterbrook Press
Barefoot Summer by Denise Hunter | Thomas Nelson Publishers
Talon by Ronie Kendig | Barbour Publishing
Shattered by Dani Pettrey | Bethany House
Take A Chance on Me by Susan May Warren | Tyndale House Publishers

Historical Romance

Though My Heart is Torn by Joanne Bischof | Multnomah Books
Love's Awakening by Laura Frantz | Revell Books
A Noble Groom by Jody Hedlund | Bethany House Publishers
The Tutor's Daughter by Julie Klassen | Bethany House Publishers
Duchess by Susan May Warren | Summerside Press

Speculative Fiction

Hero's Lot by Patrick W Carr | Bethany House Publishers
Dark Halo by Shannon Dittmore | Thomas Nelson Publishers
Anomaly by Krista McGee | Thomas Nelson Publishers
Memory's Door by James L Rubart | Thomas Nelson Publishers
The Rising by Lynn Chandler-Willis | Pelican Book Group

Mystery and Thriller

Dark Justice by Brandilyn Collins | B&H Books
Rules of Murder by Julianna Deering | Bethany House Publishers
The King by Steven James | Signet Select
Poison by Jordyn Redwood | Kregel
Dead Lawyers Tell No Tales by Randy Singer | Tyndale House Publishers

Literature for Young Adults

Captive Maiden by Melanie Dickerson | Zondervan
Doon by Carey Corp and Lorie Langdon | Zondervan
The Unlikely Debut of Ellie Sweet by Stephanie Morrill | Playlist Fiction
Hurt by Travis Thrasher | David C Cook
Captives by Jill Williamson | Zondervan

The innovative INSPY Award is designed to help readers in their search for the preeminent faith-inspired literature of today. The INSPYs were created to select and showcase books with the highest literary standards that grapple with the Christian faith. To find these works, the INSPYs net is cast wide, accepting nominations of books aimed at the Christian bookstore market as well as those from the general market.

The winners of 2013 INSPY awards will be announced **June 28**. In the meantime, <http://inspys.com> will feature author interviews to introduce readers to the creative minds behind these books.

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