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2016 INSPYs Shortlists Released

April 30, 2016—The INSPYs Advisory Board is pleased to announce that the following books have been shortlisted in the fifth 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

The Thorn Bearer by Pepper D. Basham | Vinspire Publishing
Jaded by Varina Denman | David C. Cook
A Noble Masquerade by Kristi Ann Hunter | Bethany House
Love's Rescue by Christine Johnson | Revell
Irish Meadows by Susan Anne Mason | Bethany House

General Fiction

A Cup of Dust by Susie Finkbeiner | Kregel
The Art of Losing Yourself by Katie Ganshert | Waterbrook
Secrets She Kept by Cathy Gohlke | Tyndale
Water From My Heart by Charles Martin | Center Street
The Bronte Plot by Katherine Reay | Thomas Nelson

Contemporary Romance/Romantic Suspense

London Tides by Carla Laureano | David C. Cook
The Dandelion Field by Kathryn Springer | Zondervan
Crazy Little Thing Called Love by Beth K. Vogt | Howard
A Love Like Ours by Becky Wade | Bethany House
The Wonder of You by Susan May Warren | Tyndale

Historical Romance

The Wood's Edge by Lori Benton | Waterbrook
Not by Sight by Kate Breslin | Bethany House
The Mistress of Tall Acre by Laura Frantz | Revell
Luther and Katharina by Jody Hedlund | Waterbrook
Through Waters Deep by Sarah Sundin | Revell

Speculative Fiction

The Methuselah Project by Rick Barry | Kregel
Heir of Hope by Morgan L. Busse | Enclave Publishing
The Shock of Night by Patrick W. Carr | Bethany House
The Curse of Crow Hollow by Billy Coffey | Thomas Nelson
Embers by Ronie Kendig | Enclave Publishing

Mystery and Thriller

The Last Con by Zachary Bartels | Thomas Nelson

A.D. 33 by Ted Dekker | Center Street/Hachette

Vendetta by Lisa Harris | Revell

Falcon by Ronie Kendig | Shiloh Run Press/Barbour

The Bones Will Speak by Carrie Stuart Parks | Thomas Nelson

Literature for Young Adults

Season of Fire by Lisa T. Bergren | Blink/Zondervan

Shades of Doon by Carey Corp and Lorie Langdon | Blink/Zondervan

The Choosing by Rachelle Dekker | Tyndale

An Uncertain Choice by Jody Hedlund | Zondervan

Siren's Fury by Mary Weber | Thomas Nelson

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 the 2016 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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