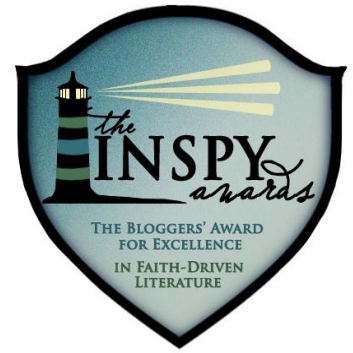


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2017 INSPYs Shortlists Released

April 30, 2017—The INSPYs Advisory Board is pleased to announce that the following books have been shortlisted in the sixth 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 Secret to Hummingbird Cake by Celeste Fletcher McHale | Thomas Nelson
Close to You by Kara Isaac | Howard
Counted with the Stars by Connilyn Cossette | Bethany House
Leaving Independence by Leanne W. Smith | Waterfall Press
The Undoing of Saint Silvanus by Beth Moore | Tyndale

General Fiction

A Portrait of Emily Price by Katherine Reay | Thomas Nelson
The Feathered Bone by Julie Cantrell | Thomas Nelson
Long Way Gone by Charles Martin | Thomas Nelson
The Alliance by Jolina Petersheim | Tyndale
Land of Silence by Tessa Afshar | Tyndale

Contemporary Romance/Romantic Suspense

Her One and Only by Becky Wade | Bethany House
A Twist of Faith by Pepper Basham | Firefly Southern Fiction
Just a Kiss by Denise Hunter | Thomas Nelson
You're the One That I Want by Susan May Warren | Tyndale
Can't Help Falling by Kara Isaac | Howard

Historical Romance

A Flight of Arrows by Lori Benton | Waterbrook
The Lady and the Lionheart by Joanne Bischof | Mason Jar Books
A Heart Most Certain by Melissa Jaegers | Bethany House
The Captive Heart by Michelle Griep | Shiloh Run Press
The Ringmaster's Wife by Kristy Cambron | Thomas Nelson

Speculative Fiction

Accelerant by Ronie Kendig | Enclave
The Long Journey to Jake Palmer by James L. Rubart | Thomas Nelson
The Shattered Vigil by Patrick W. Carr | Bethany House
The Calling by Rachelle Dekker | Tyndale
Seasons of Glory by Lisa T. Bergren | Blink

Mystery and Thriller

Conspiracy of Silence by Ronie Kendig | Bethany House

Cold Shot by Dani Pettrey | Bethany House

If I Run by Terri Blackstock | Zondervan

Dressed for Death by Julianna Deering | Bethany House

When Death Draws Near by Carrie Stuart Parks | Thomas Nelson

Literature for Young Adults

Unblemished by Sara Ella | Thomas Nelson

I'll Be Yours by Jenny B. Jones | Sweet Pea Productions

Siren's Song by Mary Weber | Thomas Nelson

A Daring Sacrifice by Jody Hedlund | Zondervan

Gilt Hollow by Lorie Langdon | Blink

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 2017 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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