
2016 CNY Book Awards winners announced



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SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- The YMCA's Downtown Writers Center announced the winners of the this year's CNY Book Awards at the 2016 CNY Book Awards Reception.

The fifth annual awards program honors the year's best books of poetry, fiction and nonfiction by authors from the CNY region.

The 2016 CNY Book Award for Poetry, sponsored by the Gifford Foundation, was awarded to poet Michael Jennings of Marietta, for "Crossings: A Record of Travel." The poetry category was judged by poet Michael McFee of Durham, N.C.

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The 2016 CNY Book Award for Fiction, sponsored by Vita DeMarchi, was awarded to author Jennifer Pashley of Clinton, for The Scamp. The fiction category was judged by author Viet Dinh of Wilmington, Delaware.

The 2016 CNY Book Award for Nonfiction, sponsored by WestRock, was awarded to author Stephanie Shirilan of Jamesville, for "Robert Burton and the Transformative Power of Melancholy." The nonfiction category was judged by author Steven Huff of Rochester, N.Y.

The CNY Book Award for Significant Contributions to the Art of Writing and Poetry, selected by Nine Mile editors Bob Herz and Stephen Kuusisto, was presented to Walt Shepperd of Syracuse.

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