

2018 Youth Royal Palm Literary Award Winners



The Candice Coghill Memorial Award

Michael

Published Poetry, ages 12 – 15. Samantha Leslie

A family faces tragedy from a unique perspective.

BOOK-LENGTH FICTION

Unpublished, Ages 12 – 15

- 1st Place. **Fervent Flames.** Yasmin Vuong. Will Evergreen's life has been changed completely by fire, his siblings gone and his mother unstable yet he finds himself drawn to it.
- 2nd Place. **The Willow Tree.** Hannah Cristina Wohlever. Earth may be overthrown, and five teenagers learn they're the only ones to stop it. They struggle to understand their pasts to save the uncertain future, before it's too late.

POETRY

Unpublished, Ages 12 – 15

- 1st Place. **Where Light Lies.** Sarina Patel. A girl investigates how light has brightened her life, and realizes why she could not see it before.
- 2nd Place. **Fragility.** Sophia Debs. A passionate artist depicts her emotions by painting.
- 3rd Place. **Laughter.** Samantha Leslie. A teenager struggles with bipolar disorder.

Published, Ages 12 – 15

- 1st Place. **Michael.** Samantha Leslie. A family faces tragedy from a unique perspective.
- 2nd Place. **The Stadium is Wet.** Sarina Patel. A baseball player seeks redemption, but is it possible in a town where everyone has forgotten his former glory?

SHORT FICTION

Unpublished, Ages 12 – 15

- 1st Place. **The Letters from Haven Creek.** Keven Lacayo. Elliot sits by his favorite creek every day to write letters to beings like Jealousy, Death, and Love. His eyes are opened and heart changed when he gets surprise visits from the recipients of his letters.
- 2nd Place. **Komodo.** Cooper Smith. A young orphan is adopted by a sorcerer noble and must conquer the hardships of facing the truth.
- 3rd Place. **A Life to be Lived.** Samantha Leslie. A teenage boy awakens one day to discover his life has not been his own to live.