

# 2019 Youth Royal Palm Literary Award Winners



## The Candice Coghill Memorial Award

### *Fluorescent Freedom*

Short Fiction, Ages 16-17. Jenna Mather

A look through the eyes of a teenage cancer patient as she fulfills her dream of experiencing the excitement of a local fair for the first time.

**Jenna Mather** is a junior at Jupiter High School. When she isn't writing, she enjoys reading fantasy novels. She has career aspirations of becoming an accomplished author.

## POETRY

Unpublished Poetry, Ages 9 - 11

- Gold. **The Work of the Sea.** Kali Mae. Living in southwest Florida, I visit the beach all the time and was inspired by the beauty of the gulf.

Unpublished Poetry, Ages 12 – 15

- Gold. **Sea change is built with voices of the young.** Samantha Leslie. A reflection on the horrors of a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and a call to action amid our new reality—senseless violence may only be a moment away.
- Silver. **When I was Little.** Jacqueline Cook. A girl reminisces about her childhood dreams and contrasts them with what now is her reality and how struggles over money, which shouldn't be significant, could cause such harm.

## SHORT NONFICTION

Unpublished Short Nonfiction, Ages 9 – 11

- Gold. **The Downy Rattlesnake Plantain Orchid.** Beatriz Lindemann. This is a story about a girl discovering an orchid on her farm in Eastern Tennessee.

## SHORT FICTION

### Published Short Fiction, Ages 12 – 15

- Gold. **True Friend.** Samantha Leslie. A dear friend is skeptical of Carolyn's new relationship. In an instant, lives change and a true friend is revealed—but was the price paid too high?

### Unpublished Short Fiction, Ages 12 – 15

- Gold. **Words Matter Collection.** Yasmin Vuong. Pushed to suicide and damned forever, she has to kill the monsters who lured others to the same fate.
- Silver. **Autism Aside.** Ava Eckstein-Schoemann. For years, Sophie has dutifully looked after her older brother Asher, to the point where she has no friends. How will she react when the class bully focuses on her? What will Asher do?

### Unpublished Short Fiction, Ages 16 – 17

- Gold. **Fluorescent Freedom.** Jenna Mather. A look through the eyes of a teenage cancer patient as she fulfills her dream of experiencing the excitement of a local fair for the first time.
- Silver. **Running to Now.** Peyton Boggs. In an unfamiliar diner, away from home, Sabal Rose mulls about what makes a family.