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## Women's Fiction Writers Association Announces 2023 STAR Award for Best of Published Women's Fiction with a New \$600 Prize

January 25, 2023: Washington, DC, The Women's Fiction Association (WFWA) is excited to announce the 2023 STAR AWARD for the best in Women's Fiction will now come with two \$300 prizes.

The annual contest is open to anyone with a published (indie or traditional) Women's Fiction novel.

Women's Fiction is a writing genre that includes layered stories in which the plot is driven by the main character's emotional journey. The stories can be contemporary or historical, and may have magical, mystery, thriller, romance, or other elements.

This year's award is based on books published in 2022. Authors can submit in either the Debut category or the General category.



- **The Outstanding Debut** category with a \$300 prize is for authors submitting their first ever published novel. The submitted novel must be in the *Women's Fiction* genre.
- **The General** category with a \$300 prize is for authors who have previously published other titles including non-fiction/poetry/indie published or traditional. The submitted novel must be in the *Women's Fiction* genre.

"The STAR Award recognizes the best in Women's Fiction and is the only contest exclusive to the genre," said Jacki Kelly, WFWA President adding, "This award celebrates the variety in the genre and seeks to elevate and promote Women's Fiction and its authors."

Novels in both categories are judged first by WFWA members. The top three books in each category – Outstanding Debut and General -- then proceed a second round and are judged by a panel of librarians.

Winners will be announced during WFWA's upcoming tenth anniversary conference taking place in Chicago this September.

For complete rules, eligibility, and to enter, visit the Women's Fiction Writers Association website at [www.womensfictionwriters.org](http://www.womensfictionwriters.org)

### **About The Women's Fiction Writers Association (WFWA)**

The Women's Fiction Writers Association (WFWA) was founded in 2013 as a professional, non-profit organization writers of Women's Fiction and publishing professionals. With more than two thousand international members and growing, WFWA is the premier organization for the Women's Fiction genre. WFWA fosters an online community of inclusion and opportunity, and provides resources, professional development, networking, and support for aspiring, debut, and published women's fiction authors. Learn more at [www.womensfictionwriters.org](http://www.womensfictionwriters.org). Twitter: @WF\_Writers Instagram: womensfictionwriters.