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## **2016 CHRISTY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

**LAWRENCE, Kan.**—The Christy Awards Advisory Board is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2016 Christy Awards honoring excellence in Christian fiction. Award winners will be announced via an online event at [www.christyawards.com](http://www.christyawards.com) at 4 p.m. (EDT), Mon., June 27, 2016.

“For sixteen years we have hosted the awards at a dinner held in conjunction with the International Christian Retail Show,” said Donna Kehoe, executive director of the Christy Awards. “We value memories of the synergy among authors, agents, media, and all those in the publishing industry; the challenges given by outstanding keynoters; and the legacy of honoring those who write powerful, faith-infused stories. Due to the changing nature of the industry, however, we are transitioning to new ways of acknowledging the winners while remaining committed to awarding and promoting excellence in Christian fiction.”

The 2016 Christy Awards finalists are:

### **CONTEMPORARY**

- *The Art of Losing Yourself* by Katie Ganshert (WaterBrook Press)
- *As Waters Gone By* by Cynthia Ruchti (Abingdon Press)
- *The Sea Keeper's Daughters* by Lisa Wingate (Tyndale House Publishers)

### **CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE/SUSPENSE**

- *Falling Like Snowflakes* by Denise Hunter (Thomas Nelson, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)
- *Sabotaged* by Dani Pettrey (Bethany House Publishers, a division of Baker Publishing Group)
- *The Wedding Chapel* by Rachel Hauck (Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)

### **CONTEMPORARY SERIES**

- *Anna's Healing* by Vannetta Chapman (Harvest House Publishers)
- *Come Rain or Come Shine* by Jan Karon (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* by Beth K. Vogt (Howard Books)

### **FIRST NOVEL**

- *The Choosing* by Rachelle Dekker (Tyndale House Publishers)
- *Irish Meadows* by Susan Anne Mason (Bethany House Publishers, a division of Baker Publishing Group)
- *A Noble Masquerade* by Kristi Ann Hunter (Bethany House Publishers, a division of Baker Publishing Group)

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## HISTORICAL

- *The Girl from the Train* by Irma Joubert (Thomas Nelson, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)
- *Secrets She Kept* by Cathy Gohlke (Tyndale House Publishers)
- *The Wood's Edge* by Lori Benton (WaterBrook Press)

## HISTORICAL ROMANCE<sup>1</sup>

- *Beyond All Dreams* by Elizabeth Camden (Bethany House Publishers, a division of Baker Publishing Group)
- *The Lost Heiress* by Roseanna M. White (Bethany House Publishers, a division of Baker Publishing Group)
- *Luther and Katharina* by Jody Hedlund (WaterBrook Press)
- *To Win Her Favor* by Tamera Alexander (Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)

## SUSPENSE

- *The Bones Will Speak* by Carrie Stuart Parks (Thomas Nelson, a division of Harper Collins Christian Publishing)
- *Twisted Innocence* by Terri Blackstock (Zondervan, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)
- *Vendetta* by Lisa Harris (Revell, a division of Baker Publishing Group)

## VISIONARY

- *The Five Times I Met Myself* by James L. Rubart (Thomas Nelson, a division of HarperCollins Christian Publishing)
- *A Time to Speak* by Nadine Brandes (Enclave Publishing)
- *Waking Beauty* by Sarah E. Morin (Enclave Publishing)

## YOUNG ADULT

- *The Choosing* by Rachelle Dekker (Tyndale House Publishers)
- *Rebel* by R.J. Anderson (Enclave Publishing)
- *To Get to You* by Joanne Bischof (Independently Published)

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<sup>1</sup> Four finalists due to a tie in scoring.