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USA BOOK NEWS ANNOUNCES WINNERS AND FINALISTS OF THE 2014 USA BEST BOOK AWARDS

**Mainstream & Independent Titles Score Top Honors
in the 11th Annual USA Best Book Awards**

Simon & Schuster, Penguin, John Wiley & Sons, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Kensington Books, Harlequin, McGraw-Hill, Llewellyn, and hundreds of Independent Houses contribute to this year's Outstanding Competition!

LOS ANGELES – USABookNews.com, the premier online magazine featuring mainstream and independent publishing houses, announced the winners and finalists of **THE 2014 USA BEST BOOKS AWARDS** on November 12, 2014. Over 400 winners and finalists were announced in over 100 categories. Awards were presented for titles published in 2012-2014. Jeffrey Keen, President and CEO of USA Book News, said this year's contest yielded over 2,000 entries from mainstream and independent publishers, which were then narrowed down to over 400 winners and finalists.

Highlights of the Fiction: Literary Category include the following Award-Winning Titles:

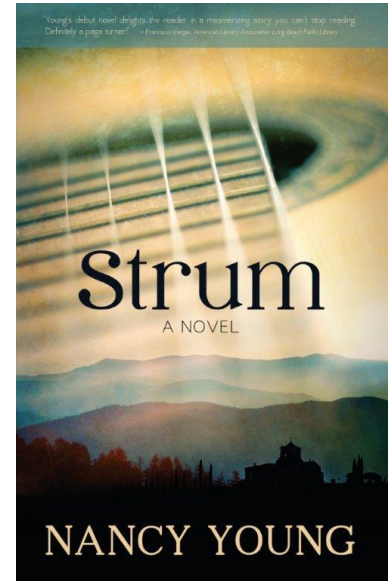
Winner: *Outside In* by Doug Cooper
Greenleaf Book Group Press
978-1626340046

Finalist: *Close* by Erika Raskin
Harvard Square Editions
978-0-9895960-3-9

Finalist: *Spring Moon* by Mary Ellen Courtney
Porter Chance Books
978-0988953604

Finalist: *Strum* by Nancy Young
Inkwater Press
978-1592999378

Finalist: *The World's Smallest Bible* by Dennis Must
Red Hen Press
978-1-59709-972-1



Los Angeles-based author Nancy Young, whose debut novel *Strum* received a **Finalist - Fiction: Literary Award in the 2014 USA Best Book Awards**, has collected a total of six book awards in 2014. Young says, “This award is significant in that it considers books submitted by traditional publishing houses side by side with independent presses, without discrimination. To be judged alongside the major publishers and still come out an award winner based on merit is very exciting – it’s a great honor.”

Keen says of the awards, now in their twelfth year, “The 2014 results represent a phenomenal mix of books from a wide array of publishers throughout the United States. With a full publicity and marketing campaign promoting the results of the USA Best Book Awards, this year’s winners and finalists will gain additional media coverage for the upcoming holiday retail season.”

Winners and finalists traversed the publishing landscape: Simon & Schuster, Penguin, John Wiley & Sons, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Kensington Books, Harlequin, McGraw-Hill, Llewellyn, Yale University Press, Cornell University Press, University of Missouri Press, White House Historical Association, Wisconsin Historical Society Press, American Bar Association and hundreds of independent houses contributed to this year’s outstanding competition.

Keen adds, “Our success begins with the enthusiastic participation of authors and publishers and continues with our distinguished panel of industry judges who bring to the table their extensive editorial, PR, marketing, and design expertise.”

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A complete list of the winners and finalists of The 2014 USA Best Book Awards are available online at <http://www.USABookNews.com>.

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