

Ozark Creative Writers Awards 2026 (In Reverse Order)

	Conference Awards 25/15/10	
Contest 34	Delicious Escapes	Winners
	3 Some People Never Know	Rickey Pittman
	2 Red Hots	Larry Hightower
	1 The Night She Wore Red	Lynn Combs
Contest 33	Senior Moment	
	2hm The Paths That Cross	Julia Zellner
	1hm The Black & White Detective Agency	Tierney James
	3 Valentine Hero	Margarite Stever
	2 Misadventures in Nana Sitting	Lynn Combs
	1 Queenie	Terry Alexander
Contest 32	Give Us the Best of Friends	
	2hm Two Crossed Fingers	Marlon Hayes
	1hm The Three Amigas	Leslie Gullo
	3 Opal and Olive	Prix Guatney
	2 Is That Your Final Answer	Debra Sutton
	1 Desperate Times Call for Diamonds	Lynn Combs
Contest 31	Middle Grade Fiction Kids 9-12	
	2hm Lake Adventure	Kimberly Vernon
	1hm The New Girl	Kelly Reddin
	3 The First Day of School	Marlon Hayes
	2 Rescuing Spot	Cheri Nordstrom
	1 Bitsy Learns to Read	Meghan Huff
Contest 30	Rainbolt Children's Book Award	
	1hm Pirate Magic	Kelly Reddin
	3 The Woodcarver and the Prairie Dog	Lynn Combs
	2 Grandpa's Apple Pie	Schyrlet Cameron
	1 Savannah Dances with Someone New	Meghan Huff
Contest 29	Best Paragraph	
	1hm Spree	Kimberly Vernon
	3 The Calm Before the Storm	Leslie Gullo
	2 The Men or the Marsh	Susan Keene
	1 Missing	Wanita Humphrey
Contest 28	Things that Go Bump in the Night	
	1hm Bound by Magic	Rhonda Harvey
	3 The Sick Day	Marlon Hayes
	2 First Dance	Tammy Parra
	1 I Am Now A Haunter	Rickey Pittman
Contest 27	Show Me Mystery	
	2hm Lot 436	Tammy Parra
	1hm Second Honeymoon	Wanita Humphrey
	3 Six-Pack, A Cold Case	Gary Rodgers
	2 Murder in a Small Town	Kimberly Vernon
	1 The Hat	Randall Lancaster

Contst 26	Travel Article	
1hm	Where the World Disappears: A Private Paradise by the Sea	Lynn Combs
3	Christmas: A Visit to the Granddaddy of All Outdoor Stores	Michael Lee
2	Poverty and Nimiety	Jan Morrill
1	Prudes and Nudes: An All-Inclusive Jamaican Vacation	Sarah Kennedy
Contest 25	Space Journey	
1hm	The Meteor	Marlon Hayes
3	The People who Live on the Moon	Rickey Pittman
2	Star Cruiser Athena and the Ant People	Margarite Stever
1	Klaatu Barada-4 Needs Women	Tony Klenke
Contest 24	Quotable Quote	
2hm	Putting Lipstick on a Pig	Marlon Hayes
1hm	Why Not Both	Betsy Gray
3	Positive versus Empty Noise	Karen Leonard
2	Eyes Up, Feet Planted	Susan Keene
1	The Robin: My "Why"	Cheri Nordstrom
Contest 23	The Scary House Around the Corner	
1 hm	Frisky's House	Arleta Kersh
3rd	The House That Remembers	Lynn Combs
2nd	Creepy Neighbors	Kimberly Vernon
1st	Reunion	Tammy Parra
Contest 22	Hometown Nostalgia	
1 Hm	Discovering Black River	Bethany Spitzmiller
3	The Old Stagecoach Stop	Wanita Humphrey
2	A Slice of American Pie	Jan Morrill
1	Lebanon Missouri Before and After	Larry Hightower
Contest 21	Historical Western Romance	
2hm	Empty Rooms	Kelly Reddin
1hm	A New Life For Liza	Kimberly Vernon
3	Fetching Sarah Beth	Tony C. Franklin
2	Last Chances and Halos	Tierney James
1	The Widow of Bitter Creek	Lynn Combs
Contest 20	A Scream in the Night	
1hm	Angry Bones	Robert Cossel
3	The Sundown Town	Marlon Hayes
2	Last Ride to Devil's Gap	Joy Keeney
1	The Coffin Maker of Redemption	Lynn Combs
Contest 19	Junk Drawer Contest	
2 HM	The Sinkin Millipede	Tracy Caillouet
1 HM	The Car Thief	Randall Lancaster
3rd	The Promotion	Leslie Gullo
2nd	Chocolate Chip Cookie Heist	Margarite Stever
1st	The Lockwood Family Reunion: Relatives & Rivals	Lynn Combs

Contest 18	Anniversaries: The Good The Bad and the Ugly	
2hm	1,460 Days	Joy Keeney
1 hm	We Have Pictures	Gary Rodgers
3rd	The Day the Melody Died	Prix Gautney
2nd	You Can't Say He Didn't Listen	Kimberly Vernon
1st	Love, Larceny and Lawn Décor	Lynn Combs
	GRAND CONFERENCE AWARDS 50/30/20	
Contest 17	Native American Short Story	
1 hm	Sequoyah's Journey to Mexico	Rickey Pittman
3rd	Time	Michael Lee
2nd	Native Spirit	Larry Hightower
1st	The Getting of Courage	Marlon Hayes
Contest 16	My Sister the Mooch	
3rd	Untitled	Bethany Spitzmiller
2nd	The Hilton Point Kerfuffle	Meghan Huff
1st	Something Borrowed	Betsy Gray
Contst 15	Ozark Romance Authors Award	
2HM	Ghost, One Lucky Dog	Rhonda Harvey
1HM	Charley the Matchmaker	Joy Keeney
3rd	Sharing the Therapist	Randall Lancaster
2nd	The Intervention	Marlon Hayes
1st	A Bone to Pick	Bethany Spitzmiller
Contest 14	Spooky Campfire Stories	
1 hm	Legend of Zombie Road	Xavier Poe Kane
3rd	Revenge Served Cold	Leslie Gullo
2nd	When the Woods Call Your Name	Lynn Combs
1st	A Baby's Cries	Susette Shreve
Contest 13	Sleuths' Ink Contest	
1 Hm	Sally's Secrets	Jan Morrill
3rd	The Claws Clause	Larry Hightower
2nd	Safekeeping	Prix Gautney
1st	The Forms	Randy Lancaster
Contest 12	Point A to Point Z	
1 hm	The Chase	Jennifer Clark
3rd	Sillhouette Black	Rhonda Weaver
2nd	The Wedding March	Leslie Gullo
1st	The Gingko Tree	Jan Morrill Vanek
Contest 11	Gimme 500 Flash Fiction	
2hm	Five Star Rating	Marlon Hayes
1 hm	Looks Like Love	Marcia Gaye
3rd	Silent Letter Day	Kelly Reddin
2nd	One More Sunset	Lynn Combs
1st	Distortion	Cheri Nordstrom

Contest 10	Search for Excellence Award	
2hm	We Never Guess	Gary Rodgers
1 hm	My Alibi Is Dad	Tierney James
3rd	The Airman	Marlon Hayes
2nd	Coffee with My Dad	Jan Morrill
1st	Daniel Goodyear, Mentor and Unsung Hero	Robert Cossel
Contest 9	Best Hook	
HM	Murder without a Name	Lynn Combs
3rd	Firehouse	Laura Madad
2nd	Neighborhood Watch	Susette Shreve
1st	The Visions	Joy Keeney
Contest 8	Published Newspaper Column	
2hm	The Pledge of Allegiance (Part 3: Liberty and Justice for All)	Jan Morrill
1hm	Art of Being Fearless	Marlon Hayes
3rd	Finding My Way Back to the Page	Lynn Combs
2nd	The Human in the Loop	Bethany Spitzmiller
1st	A Good Muse is Hard to Find	Rickey Pittman
	SHOWCASE AWARDS	
Contest 7	Show Me Your Book Cover Adult/Children	
1hm	The Song that Broke the Baton	Shelley M. Argenbright
1st Adult	Sewn-On Smiles	Cherry Marrero
Contest 6	Book Cover Children's	
1 hm	Howlie	Poe Kane
1st Childrens	Behind the Fence	Linda Mai
Contest 5	Velda Brotherton Memorial Award	
1hm	The Lonely Grave	Terry Alexander
1	On Her Shoulders	Kim Vernon
Contest 4	Mike Willis Memorial Award	
1hm	Piece of Cake	Julia Zellner
1	Number One	Larry Hightower
Contest 3	Founding Member Award in Memory of Peggy Vining	
1hm	Ozark's Best	Prix Gautney
1	Sixty Years of Magic	Kim Vernon
Contest 2	Oxbow Award	
3hm	Shootout at Little Nate's	Terry Alexander
2hm	Solace	John Davis
1hm	Alice's Law	Margarite Stever
3	Heartless Hannah	Lynn Combs
2	An Empty Jail	Kelly Reddin
1	Lines Across the Valley	Bethany Spitzmiller

Contest 1	Grand Showcase	OCW
2hm	Only One	Joni Cogbill
1hm	Letter to Miss Alien	Jan Morrill
3	Mount Pelee and the Prisoner	Kimberly Vernon
2	Camp Hope	Gary Rodgers
1	Love Comes Later	Rhonda Harvey

