



The Mythopoeic Society
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2017 Mythopoeic Award Finalists

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature

Hairston, Andrea. *Will Do Magic For Small Change* (Aqueduct Press, 2016).

Kowal, Mary Robinette. *Ghost Talkers* (Tor, 2016).

McKillip, Patricia A. *Kingfisher* (Ace, 2016).

Stiefvater, Maggie. *The Raven Cycle: The Raven Boys* (Scholastic, 2012); *The Dream Thieves* (Scholastic, 2013); *Blue Lily, Lily Blue* (Scholastic, 2014); and *The Raven King* (Scholastic, 2016).

Walton, Jo. *Thessaly Trilogy: The Just City* (Tor, 2015); *The Philosopher Kings* (Tor, 2015); *Necessity* (Tor, 2016).

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature

Gidwitz, Adam. *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog* (Dutton, 2016).

Grove, S. E. *The Mapmakers Trilogy: The Class Sentence* (Viking 2014); *The Golden Specific* (Viking, 2015); *The Crimson Skew* (Viking, 2015).

Hodder, Bridget. *The Rat Prince* (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2016).

Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to Silver* (Little, Brown, 2016).

Sherman, Delia. *The Evil Wizard Smallbone* (Candlewick, 2016).

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies

Coutras, Lisa. *Tolkien's Theology of Beauty: Majesty, Splendor, and Transcendence in Middle Earth* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016).

Higgins, Sorina, ed. *The Chapel of the Thorn* by Charles Williams (Apocryphile Press, 2015).

Donovan, Leslie, ed. *Approaches to Teaching Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings and Other Works* (Modern Language Association, 2015).

Tolkien, Christopher, ed. *Beowulf: A Translation and Commentary, together with Sellic Spell* by J.R.R. Tolkien (Houghton Mifflin, 2014).

Zaleski, Philip and Carol Zaleski, *The Fellowship: The Literary Lives of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Owen Barfield, Charles Williams* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015).

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies

Byrne, Aisling. *Otherworlds: Fantasy and History in Medieval Literature* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Green, Richard Firth. *Elf Queens and Holy Friars: Fairy Beliefs and the Medieval Church* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

Levy, Michael and Farah Mendlesohn. *Children's Fantasy Literature: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

Lissauer, Gabrielle, *The Tropes of Fantasy Fiction* (McFarland, 2015).

Zipes, Jack. *Grimm Legacies: The Magic Spell of the Grimms' Folk and Fairy Tales* (Princeton University Press, 2014)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature is given to the fantasy novel, multi-volume, or single-author story collection for adults published during 2016 that best exemplifies the spirit of the Inklings. Books are eligible for two years after publication if not selected as a finalist during the first year of eligibility. Books from a series are eligible if they stand on their own; otherwise, the series becomes eligible the year its final volume appears. The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature honors books for beginning readers to age thirteen, in the tradition of *The Hobbit* or *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Rules for eligibility are otherwise the same as for the Adult literature award. The question of which award a borderline book is best suited for will be decided by consensus of the committees. Books for mature "Young Adults" may be moved to the Adult literature category.

The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies is given to books on Tolkien, Lewis, and/or Williams that make significant contributions to Inklings scholarship. For this award, books first published during the last three years (2014–2016) are eligible, including finalists for previous years. The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies is given to scholarly books on other specific authors in the Inklings tradition, or to more general works on the genres of myth and fantasy. The period of eligibility is three years, as for the Inklings Studies award.

The winners of this year's awards will be announced during Mythcon 48, to be held from July 28-31, 2017, at Champaign-Urbana, IL. A complete list of Mythopoeic Award winners is available on the Society web site: <http://www.mythsoc.org/awards/>.

The finalists for the literature awards, text of recent acceptance speeches, and selected book reviews are also listed in this on-line section. For more information about the Mythopoeic Awards, please contact the Awards Administrator: David D. Oberhelman, awards@mythsoc.org.