

The 76th Annual

Christopher Awards



"It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

- Christopher motto-

Dear Friend,

We're often told that we can better understand a person if we walk a mile in their shoes. While that may not be physically possible, our Christopher Award-winning books, films, and TV programs allow us to do that through engagingly told stories that introduce us to people and places different from our own, yet relatable in a variety of ways. Thank you for using your creativity and talent to add light to our world.

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Testimonials

from Past Christopher Award Winners

"The fact that The Christophers have acknowledged 'The Holdovers' for its themes of sacrifice, humor and healing means the world to me, since it was based on the relationships that shaped me as a young man. In fact, the screenplay was written as a love letter to my mother, Loretta Gora Hemingson, my father, Richard Hemingson, and my uncle, Earl Cahail. I think that my Mom—upon whom I based the character of Mary—would be particularly touched, since she was a faithful Catholic for her entire life. I will cherish my Christopher Award and endeavor to live up to the spirit in which it is given."

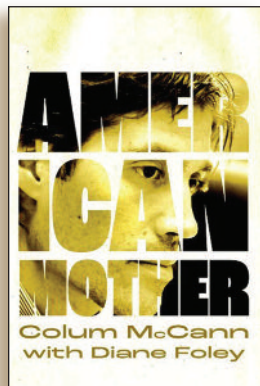
—David Hemingson, writer/producer of "The Holdovers"

"Growing up, The Christophers and the Christopher Award were well-known in our house. They stood for spreading the good news of the gospel. I was beyond thrilled when both 'A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver' and '10 Hidden Heroes' won Christopher Awards! Both books were an attempt to elevate and celebrate people who live lives dedicated to feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless and visiting those in prison—caring for others. And that's what The Christophers have long done; they have been shining a light in the darkness, inspiring millions of people all across America, and the world. I am so proud to be associated with them!"

—Mark Shriver, two-time Christopher Award-winning author of "A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver" (Books for Adults) and "10 Hidden Heroes" (Books for Young People)

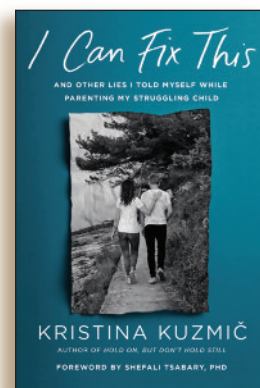
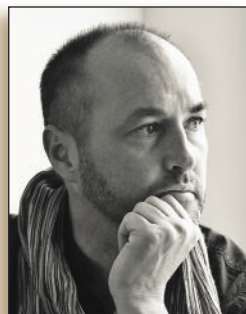
"Receiving the Christopher Award for our first 'Here's Hank' book, 'Bookmarks Are People Too', was such a meaningful acknowledgment of our commitment to getting reluctant readers to pick up a book and laugh their way through it. We believe laughter is the perfect light switch to illuminate a child's path into literature. We were honored and grateful to have been chosen and will continue to support the belief that reading and education can lead us all from darkness to light."

—Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver, authors of "Here's Hank: Bookmarks Are People Too!"



American Mother
(Etruscan Press)

by **Colum McCann**
with **Diane Foley**

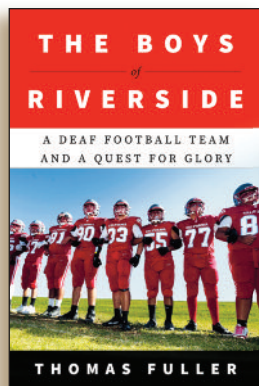


*I Can Fix This:
And Other Lies I Told
Myself While Parenting
My Struggling Child*
(Viking/Penguin
Random House)

by **Kristina Kuzmič**



*The Boys of Riverside:
A Deaf Football Team
and a Quest for Glory*
(Doubleday/Penguin
Random House)
by **Thomas Fuller**



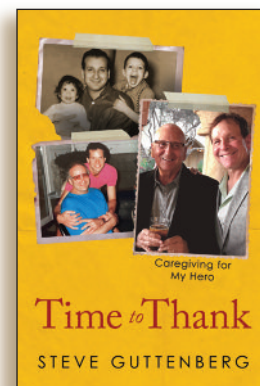
*Tears of Gold:
Portraits of Yazidi,
Rohingya, and
Nigerian Women*
(Plough Publishing House)
by **Hannah Rose Thomas**



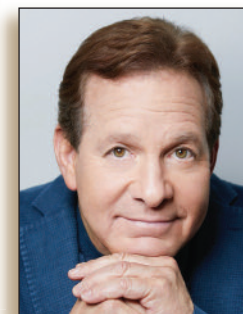
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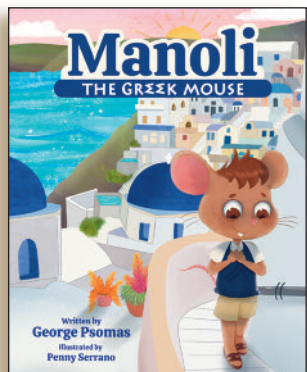


*Grieving Room:
Making Space for
All the Hard Things
After Death and Loss*
(Broadleaf Books/
1517 Media)
by **Leanne Friesen**



*Time to Thank:
Caregiving for My Hero*
(Post Hill Press/
Simon & Schuster)
by **Steve Guttenberg**

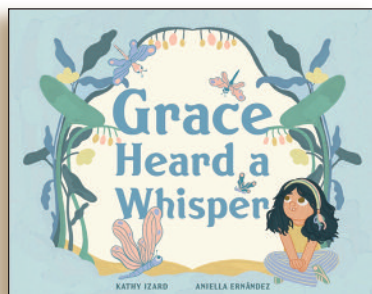




Preschool and up
Manoli the Greek Mouse
 (Mascot Books)
written by George Psomas,
illustrated by Penny Serrano



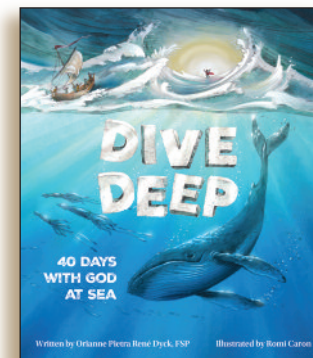
Kindergarten and up
Small Things Mended
 (Rocky Pond Books/
 Penguin Young Readers)
written by
Casey W. Robinson,
illustrated by
Nancy Whitesides



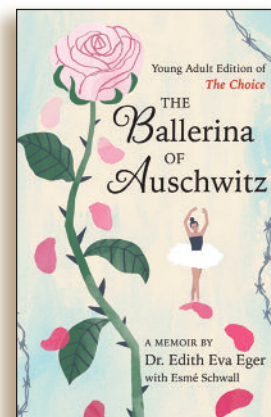
Ages 6 and up
Grace Heard a Whisper
 (Grace Press)
written by Kathy Izard,
illustrated by Aniella Hernández



Ages 8 and up
Dive Deep:
40 Days with God
at Sea
 (Pauline Books
 and Media)
by Sister Orianne
Pietra René Dyck,
FSP, illustrated by
Romi Caron



Young Adult
Untangling Hope
 (Promise686)
by Johnna Stein



Young Adult
The Ballerina
of Auschwitz
 (Atheneum/Simon & Schuster
 Children's Publishing)
by Dr. Edith Eva Eger
with Esmé Schwall





Cabrini

(Angel Studios)

Director: Alejandro Monteverde

Screenwriter: Rod Barr

Story by: Rod Barr, Alejandro Monteverde

Producers: Leo Severino, Jonathan Sanger



Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story

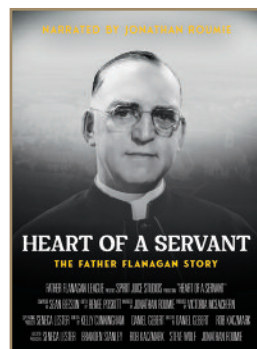
(Spirit Juice Studios)

Director: Daniel Gebert, Rob Kaczmark

Writers: Kelly Cunningham, Daniel Gebert

Producer: Victoria McEachern

Executive Producers: Branden J. Stanley, Seneca Lester, Rob Kaczmark, Steven R. Wolf, Jonathan Roumie



Out of My Mind

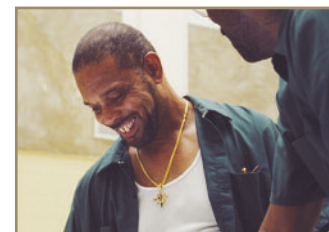
(Disney Plus)

Director: Amber Sealey

Screenwriter: Daniel Stiepleman

Based on the novel by: Sharon M. Draper

Producers: Peter Saraf, Robert Kessel, Dan Angel, Michael B. Clark



Sing Sing

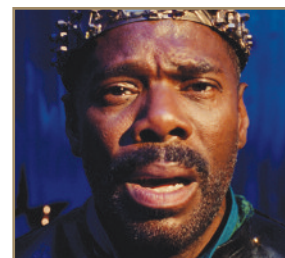
(A24)

Director: Greg Kwedar

Screenwriters: Clint Bentley, Greg Kwedar

Story by: Clint Bentley, Greg Kwedar, Clarence "Divine Eye" Maclin, John "Divine G" Whitfield

Producers: Monique Walton, Clint Bentley, Greg Kwedar



White Bird

(Lionsgate)

Director: Marc Forster

Screenwriter: Mark Bomback

Based on the book by: R.J. Palacio

Producers: David Hoberman, Todd Lieberman, R.J. Palacio



Young Woman and the Sea

(Walt Disney Studios)

Director: Joachim Rønning

Screenwriter: Jeff Nathanson

Based on the book by: Glenn Stout

Producers: Jerry Bruckheimer, Chad Oman, Jeff Nathanson

Executive Producers: John G. Scotti, Daisy Ridley, Joachim Rønning



TV, CABLE, & STREAMING



*Bridging Divides:
Sharing Heartbeats*

(PBS)

Director/Executive Producer:
Susan Polis Schutz

Producer: Jillian Frost



A Dance in the Snow

(Hallmark Mystery)

Director: Stefan Scaini

Teleplay by: Emily Schmitt,
Ryan Smith

Story by: Emily Schmitt

Executive Producers:
Kimberley Bradley,
Jonathan Eskenas, Frank
Siracusa, Andrea
Raffaghella



*A Man on the Inside:
Episode 8: The Spy Who
Came in From the Cold*

(Netflix)

Director: Michael Schur

Written for television by:
Dan Schofield

Created for television by: Michael Schur

Producers: Nate Young, Ted Danson,
Sylvia Batey Alcalá, Frank Sackett

Executive Producers: Michael Schur,
Morgan Sackett, David Miner, Maite
Alberdi, Christopher Clements, Julie
Goldman, Marcela Santibañez



**A Look at
Some of Our
2024
Christopher
Award
Winners**



David Hemmingson
The Holdovers



Ken Burns and Julie Dunfey
The American Buffalo



Lindsay Berra
It Ain't Over



Jeff Gottesfeld
Food for Hope



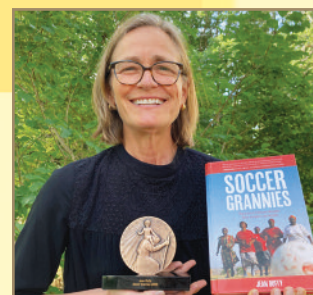
John Blake
More Than I Imagined



José M. Hernández
A Million Miles Away



Jason Bourque
A World Record Christmas



Jean Duffy
Soccer Grannies



Jieting Chen
*The Dog That Gave My
Brother Words*



Wendy Hinote Lanier
*The Dog That Gave My
Brother Words*

The Christopher Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—attributed to St. Francis of Assisi



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