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“It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.”
- Christopher motto -
Dear Friend,

Conflict and struggle are a part of every life. It’s how we respond to them that matters. Your Christopher Award-winning books, films, and TV programs remind readers and viewers that beauty and hope still exist during the hard times when we work together, despite our differences, to add love and healing to our world. Thank you for making your work a light that dispels the darkness.

Tony Rossi, Director of Communications & Christopher Awards Program Manager

Testimonials from Past Christopher Award Winners

“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” (Books for Adults) and “10 Hidden Heroes” (Books for Young People)

“I am so honored that ‘Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds’ has been awarded the prestigious Christopher Award! The teams at GBH and Tavola Productions worked diligently, and I was so touched by the people I met while making this special that overcame their adversities and triumphed!”

—Lidia Bastianich, host/executive producer of 2022 TV winner “Lidia Celebrates America: Overcoming the Odds”

“The Waltons’ Homecoming’ was a labor of love. To be honored by the Christopher Awards for shining a light on something so special as a loving family in the 30s helps us bring a light to these troubled times we’re in. It’s such an honor to be associated with the Christopher Awards and to know that our work is being honored by such a prestigious, classy, wonderful, faith-filled group. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

—Sam Haskell, six-time Christopher Award winner for TV movies including “Dolly Parton’s Coat of Many Colors” and “The Waltons’ Homecoming”

“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.”

—2015 winning authors Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America’s First Paramedics
(Hachette Books)
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Ages 7 and up
Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son
(A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster)
written and illustrated by John Parra

Ages 10 and up
Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis
(Harper Collins Publishers)
by Susan Hood with Greg Dawson

Kindergarten and up
Wolves Aren’t Welcome
(Wild Iris Publishing)
by Cheryl Benner, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

Preschool and up
Feathers From Above
(Kathleen Davis Books)
by Kathleen Davis, illustrated by Martyna Nejman

Ages 6 and up
Remember Us with Smiles
(Loyola Press)
by Grace and Gary Jansen, illustrated by Barbara Bongini

Young Adult
Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism and Friendship (Adapted for Young Adults)
(Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House)
by Adam Makos
Amber Brown: “Love is Here to Stay” and “Life”  
(Apple TV Plus)  
Developed by: Bonnie Hunt  
Directors: Jean Sagal, Michelle Manning  
Writer: Bonnie Hunt  
Staff writers: Nora Sagal and Henry Johnson  
Producers: Jeff T. Miller, Gary L. Stephenson  
Supervising Producer: Audrey Velichka  
Co-Executive Producer: Elaine Arata  
Executive Producers: Bonnie Hunt, Bob Higgins, Jon Rutherford, Bruce Coville, Elizabeth Levy, Carrie Danziger

American Masters: Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands  
(PBS)  
Director: Rita Coburn  
Written by: Rita Coburn & Philip Gittelman  
Co-Producers: Lynneisha Ray, Philip Gittelman  
Executive Producers: Michael Kantor, Sally Jo Fifer, Brenda Robinson, Jenifer Westphal, Joe Plummer, Regina K. Scully, Leslie Fields-Cruz

The Gift of Peace  
(Hallmark Movies and Mysteries)  
Director: Fred Gerber  
Teleplay: Tyler Straessle  
Based on a Story by: Michael Grimm  
Producer: Charles Cooper  
Executive Producer: Beth Miller

Facing Suicide  
(PBS)  
Writer/Director: James Barrat  
Coordinating Producer: William Morgan  
Executive Producer: Michael Rosenfeld

A Waltons Thanksgiving  
(The CW)  
Director: Joe Lazarov  
Writer: Jim Strain  
Producers: David Grace, Bobby Kelly, Billy Levin  
Co-Executive Producers: Jim Strain, Hudson Hickman, Joe Lazarov  
Executive Producer: Sam Haskell

II Minutes  
(Paramount Plus)  
Director: Jeff Zimbalist  
Supervising Producers: Sarha Longden, Aysu Saliba  
Co-Executive Producer: Jessica Philipps  
Executive Producers: Stu Schreiberg, Jeff Zimbalist, Ashley Hoff, Susan Zirinsky, Terence Wrong
FEATURE FILMS

The Best We’ve Got: The Carl Erskine Story
(Ted Green Films)
Writer/Director/Producer: Ted Green

A Man Called Otto
(Columbia Pictures/ A Sony Company)
Director: Marc Forster
Screenplay: David Magee
Producers: Fredrik Wikström Nicastro, Rita Wilson, Tom Hanks, Gary Goetzman

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
(Castletown Media)
Writer/Director: David Naglieri
Producers: David Naglieri, Tim Moriarty
Executive Producers: Patrick Kelly, Jonathan Reyes, James M. Wahlberg

A Look at Some of Our 2022 Christopher Award Winners

Mark K. Shriver
10 Hidden Heroes

Laura Watson
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Don Tate
Pigskins to Paintbrushes

Anitra Rowe Schulte
Dancing with Daddy

Jane Porter
The Boy Who Loved Everyone

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The Waltons’ Homecoming

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