



BOOKS FORWARD

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Books Forward

Elevating Voices, Breaking Barriers

In the mood for a little competition?

The 2020 [Women's National Book Association Writing Contest](#) is open for submissions! Running from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, the contest is for both established and emerging writers.

In addition to categories in fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry, the contest now features the new category of flash prose. This category is for pieces of 750 words or less in either fiction or creative nonfiction.

Winners will receive a \$250 cash prize and be published on the Women's National Book Association's website, in its Bookwoman newsletter, and in an anthology along with past contest winners.

All entries must be submitted online through Submittable. Entry fees are \$20 for nonmembers and \$15 for WNBA members. Complete submission guidelines can be found on the WNBA's writing contest page.

And for other industry news and advice to finish out 2020, keep reading below!

— *The Books Forward Team*

INDUSTRY NEWS

Books Forward authors share their best writing advice

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From joining a writers' group to understanding your purpose, 10 Books Forward authors recently dished out the best writing advice they had ever been given for [Women Writers](#), [Women's Books](#).

5 Stealthy Ways to Help Promote Your Book

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It's been a busy fall for book releases, so how is an author and their book supposed to stand out? Check out from [BookRiot](#) these five ways you can capitalize on your book promotion.

OCTOBER RELEASES



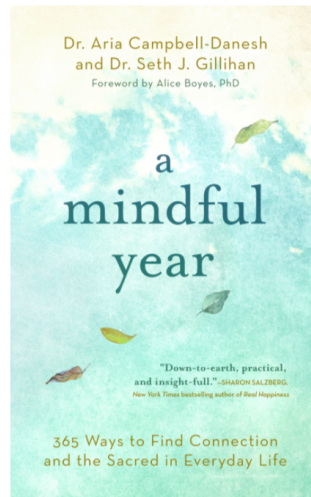
- ["Only the Women are Burning,"](#) Nancy Burke, Oct. 1, Apprentice House Press
- ["Mr. Pink,"](#) by Patrick Hjerten, Oct. 6
- ["Gatekeeper,"](#) by Alison Levy, Oct. 6, SparkPress
- ["Sorrow,"](#) by Tiffanie DeBartolo, Oct. 20, Woodhall Press
- ["Eris Rising"](#) by Courtney Ramm, Oct. 27, Acorn Publishing

NOVEMBER RELEASES

- ["Move on Motherf*cker,"](#) Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt, Nov. 3, New Harbinger
- ["They're Gone,"](#) E.A. Aymar (E.A. Barres), Nov. 10, Crooked Lane



CELEBRATING OUR AUTHORS



Dr. Aria Campbell-Danesh and Dr. Seth J. Gillihan recently hopped on the [Top of the Mind](#) radio show to introduce some mindfulness practices to listeners.

Big Freedia and her memoir "Big Freedia: God Save the Queen Dival" were featured on [theBuzz](#).

Bookstagrammer [@the_towering_tbr](#) spotlighted Sam Stea's book "The Edge of Elsewhere."

[L.A. Review of Books](#) highlighted Christina Lane's "Phantom Lady" in this article on female noir trailblazers.

Debra Goldstein joined the [It's a Mystery Podcast](#) to talk her new book, "Three Treats Too Many."

Annette Valentine's "Down at the Potter's House," received a great review from [Lovely Things NC](#).

Suzanne Park's "Loathe at First Sight" made this [Bustle](#) reading list of YA romances.

Rea Frey celebrated the release of her new book, "Until I Find You," with a virtual launch with [Page 158 Books](#).

Bookstagrammer [@3heartsandawish](#) featured this photo and review of Christ Whitson's children's book "Salty Strong."

Patrick Hjerten was featured on [Blue Rose Review](#) with this interview.

[Kirkus Reviews](#) called Tiffanie DeBartolo's new novel, "A smart, thoughtful work that balances romance with intriguing philosophical questions."

[Melanie Chartoff](#) joined the Sexy Boomer show to discuss her acting career and her new book, "Odd Woman Out."





E.A. Aymar (E.A. Barres) and "They're Gone" were featured on this [BuzzFeed](#) list of thrillers that will make you lose sleep.

John Millar joined the [Hampton Roads Show](#) to talk about his new book, "The Wars Among the Paines."

[Heart of Wellness](#) had Anna Penenberg and her daughter on to discuss their story of battling her daughter's Lyme disease.

Fans are raving about Jon Zazula's new audiobook, "Heavy Tales," over on [Audible](#).

[Dropping In](#) with Diane Dewey had Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt on to talk cursing and fighting your negative inner voice.

Kos Kostmayer and his book, "Fargo Burns," were recently highlighted on [MonkeyBicycle's](#) "If My Book" feature.

[Spiritual Media Blog](#) interviewed Courtney Ramm about her new book "Eris Rising."

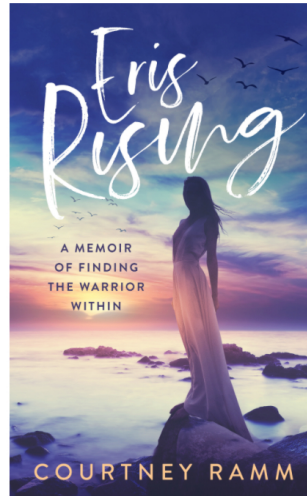
This review from [Matthew Legare](#) says Tori Eldridge's "The Ninja's Blade" is filled with "wry humor, well-written action, and fast-paced plot."

Willa Goodfellow's book "Prozac Monologues" was featured on this 3 to Read list from [Bookstr](#).

[Owls and Dandelions](#) recently reviewed Margaret Davis Ghielmetti's book "Brave(ish)" as "light and expressive ... perfect read for a book club."

Dori Jones Yang was interviewed by [Book Club Babble](#) about her new book, "When the Red Gates Opened."

Michael C. Bland joined [Rachel McWrites](#) for a Q&A discussing his writing inspiration and his book, "The Price of Safety."



Frank Thoms book "Behind the Red Veil" recently received five stars from [Readers' Favorite](#), who described the book as a "fascinating account."

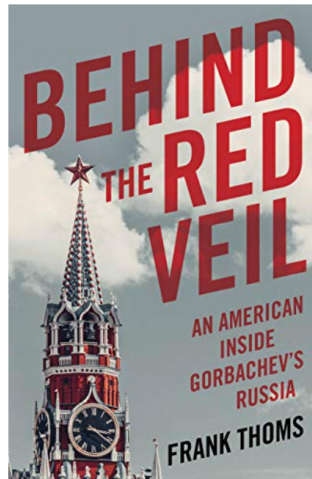
James A. Ross joined the [East to West Hunting Podcast](#) to discuss his book "Hunting Teddy Roosevelt."

[Narratively](#) featured this Q&A from Vivian Conan, where she covered her memoir, "Losing the Atmosphere."

Justin Dauer and his book "Creative Culture" were the topic of discussion on [Cool Culture Corner](#).

This article from Rebecca Whitehead Munn for Women [Writers](#), [Women's Books](#) analyzes personal growth.

This Q&A from [Baristanet](#) features Nancy Burke and her new book, "Only the Women are Burning."



Heather Mateus Sappenfield examined the writer's process in this article for [Women Writers, Women's Books](#).

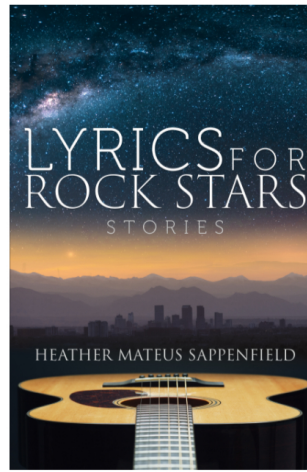
Donna O'Donnell Figurski was featured in this article from [Caregiver Support](#) Services about finding hope amidst grief.

Paul Corson hopped on the [Sacred Inclusion Network's](#) podcast to discuss his new book, "Regaining Paradise."

[Whimsically Me](#) raved about August's Norman's "Sins of the Mother."

"Finding Hemingway," by Ken Dortzbach was highlighted by bookstagrammer [@readin_em_reviews](#).

[Two Dogs and a Book](#) called Jenny Milchman's new novel "a page-turner, filled with suspense ... well written and captivating from the beginning to the end."



A U T H O R A C C O L A D E S

- Vivian Conan and her book "Losing the Atmosphere," were No. 1 on Amazon's Hot New Releases for books on Dissociative Disorders the day before her release!
- J. Elle's new YA fantasy novel, "Wings of Ebony" was named a [Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection](#).
- Gabrielle Robinson recently scored Bronze in the [Nonfiction Book Awards](#) for her book "Api's Berlin Diaries."

A U T H O R S I N P H O T O S



LEFT: Margaret Davis Ghielmetti celebrated the launch of her new book, "Brave(ish)," virtually with Women and Children First in Chicago.

RIGHT: Suzanne Park joined the UnWined book club to discuss her new book, "Loathe at First Sight."

F R O M O U R A U T H O R F A M I L Y

"I received word from Brooke (at She Writes Press) this morning that the first print run of "A Fierce Belief in Miracles" is nearly depleted. I'm in the process of ordering a second printing.

Thank you for all your good work in getting the word out about this book. I feel its message is timely, and I'm excited to have it in the hands of anyone whom it can support.

Please extend a thank you to others at Books Forward who have played a part in this campaign. I appreciate you."

— Anne Reeder Heck

