

## 2023 William Faulkner Literary Competition Winners

### Novel Category:

Winner: Arkansas Black  
Alexander Blevens  
Ocean Springs, MS

Honorable Mention: Betrayal of Blood  
Feotis Moore  
Bloomington, IL

Honorable Mention: The Devil's Jazz  
Vincent B. "Chip" Lococo  
New Orleans, LA

### Short Story:

First Place: Go Gentle into that Night  
Mark J. Havlik  
Indian Land, SC

Second Place: Duty Above All  
Mal King  
Santa Paula, CA

Third Place: The Pet Shop  
Elizabeth Danek  
Milwaukie, OR

Honorable Mention: The Cats of Kotor  
Cindy McCraw Dircks  
Larchmont, NY

Honorable Mention: Jesus Loves Kabobs  
Catherine Padmore  
Hurstbridge, VIC, Australia

**Poetry:**

First Place                    Ode to Mississippi Girlhood  
Alecia Gabrielle  
Jackson, MS

Second Place                a whispered tour  
Leonardo Chung  
Ottawa, IL

Third Place                   Saturday Matinees  
Howard Brown  
Lookout Mountain, TN

HM                                America  
A. Keith Carreiro  
Swansea, MA

**One Act Play**

First Place:  
  
300 Miles West  
Jeff Carter  
San Francisco, CA

Second Place:  
  
The Hepburn Interview  
Tom Mason  
Portland, OR

Third Place:

Mab's Rabbit  
Brenda Kenworthy  
Garden Grove, CA

Honorable Mention:

An Atheists Prayer  
Tom Parks  
Midland, TX

Honorable Mention:

An Untethered Woman  
Cynthia Webb  
Helena, MT

Honorable Mention:

The Italian Wives Club  
Kenneth Robbins  
Ruston, LA

### **Student Short Story Winners**

First Place:

The Second Dorie Lovett  
Sharlee Shumpert  
Mooreville, MS

Second Place:

Mr. Black  
Joshua Clark  
Vardaman, MS

Third Place:

A Journal in my Attic  
Ava Lambert  
Silver Creek, MS

Honorable Mention

The Hunt  
Jack Denton  
Ingomar, MS

Honorable Mention

Trek to Iuka  
Jackson Robbins  
Ingomar, MS

Honorable Mention

The Royal Tea Party  
Miles Blackburn  
New Albany, MS

**Excel Winners: (New Albany Rotary Club Sponsored Event)**

Fourth Grade:

First Place

Elliott Brockway

Second Place      Ethan McElwain

Third Place        Will Metts

Fifth Grade:

First Place        Emmie Bryan

Second Place      Watson Hess

Third Place        Ellis Hardin