

## 2024 Aurora Awards, Nominees, and Statistics for professional works and fan achievements done in 2023

**The awards are for works by Canadians creators and they went to:**

- Best Novel: **The Valkyrie**, Kate Heartfield, HarperVoyager
- Best YA Novel: **Funeral Songs for Dying Girls**, Cherie Dimaline, Tundra Books
- Best Novelette/Novella: **Untethered Sky**, Fonda Lee, Tordotcom
- Best Short Story: “*At Every Door A Ghost*”, Premee Mohamed, Communications Breakdown, MIT Press
- Best Graphic Novel: **A Call to Cthulhu**, Norm Konyu, Titan Nova
- Best Poem/Song “*Awakening*”, Tiffany Morris, Nightmare Magazine, Issue 134
- Best Related Work: **Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction: Volume One**  
Stephen Kotowych, editor, Ansible Press
- Best Cover Art/Interior Illustration: **Augur Magazine, Issue 6.1**, cover art, Lorna Antoniazzi
- Best Fan Writing and Publication: **Polar Borealis**, Issues 24, 25, 26, and 27  
edited by R. Graeme Cameron
- Best Fan Related Work: **ephemera Reading Series**, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert, co-chairs, online

**Note 1:** Ties during a round are broken based on which finalist would move forward with a higher vote. This does not include if a tie is reached with the remaining two nominees.

**Note 2:** First place is determined when a finalist exceeds 50% of the votes or two finalists each reach 50%.

**Note 3:** The No Award Test makes sure that the first-place nominee has more votes against just the No Award option.

**Note 4:** A total of 134 Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association (CSFFA) members submitted ballots.

Best Novel (82 ballots)

Best YA Novel (73 ballots)

Best Novelette/Novella (78 ballots)

Best Short Story (108 ballots)

Best Graphic Novel/Comic (54 ballots)

Best Poem/Song (63 ballots)

Best Related Work (85 ballots)

Best Cover Art/Interior Illustration (72 ballots)

Best Fan Writing and Publication (63 ballots)

Best Fan Related Work (59 ballots)

### Voting by Province

**Note 1:** There were 425 members for 2024 by the end of voting, and 134 of them voted. There were 7 members who voted but did not register their location.

Province	Votes	Percent
BC	9	6.7%
Alberta	24	17.9%
Saskatchewan	2	1.5 %
Manitoba	1	0.7 %
Ontario	81	60.4 %
Quebec	3	2.2 %
New Brunswick	0	0.0 %
Nova Scotia	4	3.0 %

PEI	0	0.0%
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	0.7%
Yukon	0	0.0%
NWT	0	0.0 %
Nunavut	0	0.0%
Unknown	7	5.2%
Expats	2	1.5%

**Note:** Statistics for voting have only been calculated to show first, second and third places. In the case of a tie only the top two levels will be calculated. Voting is done using the Alternate or Ranking voting system. Members choose their first, second, third, etc places. Each round removes the lowest ranking work and members who'd voted for it are replaced by their next choice (if they have one). The work that gets over 50% of the votes will receive the award.

### Best Novel (82 ballots)-

#### First Place

The Valkyrie, Kate Heartfield	24	24	29	36	43
Bad Cree, Jessica Johns	14	14	18	25	31
The Marigold, Andrew F. Sullivan	18	18	19	19	
Moon of the Turning Leaves, Waubgeshig Rice	13	13	16		
Silver Nitrate, Silvia Moreno-Garcia	13	13			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	0	0	2	8

No Award Test: 67 ballots ranked **The Valkyrie** higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **The Valkyrie**

**The Valkyrie** confirmed as the winner

#### Second Place

Bad Cree, Jessica Johns	17	17	24	33
Moon of the Turning Leaves, Waubgeshig Rice	19	19	25	29
The Marigold, Andrew F. Sullivan	20	20	21	
Silver Nitrate, Silvia Moreno-Garcia	16	16		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	0	2	10

#### Third Place

Moon of the Turning Leaves, Waubgeshig Rice	26	26	37
The Marigold, Andrew F. Sullivan	25	25	29
Silver Nitrate, Silvia Moreno-Garcia	19	19	
No Award	0		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	0	4

**Best Young Adult (YA) Novel** (73 ballots)

## First Place

Funeral Songs for Dying Girls, Cherie Dimaline	15	15	16	23	37
The Crystal Key, Douglas Smith	20	20	20	21	24
Flower and Thorn, Rati Mehrotra	15	15	17	20	
The Stars of Mount Quixx, S.M. Beiko	14	14	16		
The Grimmer, Naben Ruthnum	7	7			
No Award	2				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)	0	2	4	9	12

No Award Test: 42 ballots ranked **Funeral Songs for Dying Girls** higher than **No Award**

2 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Funeral Songs for Dying Girls**

**Funeral Songs for Dying Girls** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

Flower and Thorn, Rati Mehrotra	19	19	22	31
The Crystal Key, Douglas Smith	21	21	22	24
The Stars of Mount Quixx, S.M. Beiko	15	15	18	
The Grimmer, Naben Ruthnum	10	10		
No Award	2			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	5	12

## Third Place

The Crystal Key, Douglas Smith	25	25	28
The Stars of Mount Quixx, S.M. Beiko	19	19	27
The Grimmer, Naben Ruthnum	17	17	
No Award	2		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		2	8

**Best Novella/Novelette** (78 ballots)

## First Place

Untethered Sky, Fonda Lee	23	23	25	27	35
I AM AI, Ai Jiang	16	16	17	22	29
Pluralities, Avi Silver	16	16	16	21	
Green Fuse Burning, Tiffany Morris	14	14	15		
“The Most Strongest Obeah Woman of the World”, Nalo Hopkinson	9	9			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	5	8	14

No Award Test: **55** ballots ranked **Untethered Sky** higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Untethered Sky**

**Untethered Sky** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

I AM AI, Ai Jiang	20	20	25	30
Pluralities, Avi Silver	18	18	23	29
“The Most Strongest Obeah Woman of the World”, Nalo Hopkinson	17	17	19	
Green Fuse Burning, Tiffany Morris	14	14		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	2	10

## Third Place

“The Most Strongest Obeah Woman of the World”, Nalo Hopkinson	27	27	35
Pluralities, Avi Silver	19	19	24
Green Fuse Burning, Tiffany Morris	18	18	
No Award	09		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	5

**Best Short Story** (108 ballots)

## First Place

“At Every Door A Ghost”, Premee Mohamed	32	32	36	36	43
“Once Upon a Time at The Oakmont”, P.A. Cornell	20	20	21	26	34
“If I Should Fall Behind”, Douglas Smith	22	22	24	25	
“Sink Your Sorrows to the Sea”, Chandra Fisher	18	18	19		
“The Dust Bowl Café”, Justin Dill	15	15			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	8	21	31

No Award Test: 67 ballots ranked “*At Every Door A Ghost*” higher than **No Award**  
 2 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than “*At Every Door A Ghost*”  
 “*At Every Door A Ghost*” confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

“If I Should Fall Behind”, Douglas Smith	31	31	36	38
“Once Upon a Time at The Oakmont”, P.A. Cornell	26	26	29	36
“Sink Your Sorrows to the Sea”, Chandra Fisher	21	21	23	
“The Dust Bowl Café”, Justin Dill	19	19		
No Award	1			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	10	24

## Third Place

“Once Upon a Time at The Oakmont”, P.A. Cornell	38	38	47
“Sink Your Sorrows to the Sea”, Chandra Fisher	24	24	29
“The Dust Bowl Café”, Justin Dill	24	24	
No Award	1		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	11

**Best Graphic Novel** (54 ballots)

## First Place

A Call to Cthulhu, Norm Konyu	8	8	10	12	13	15	24
It Never Rains, Kari Maaren	14	14	14	14	15	15	18
The Secret of the Ravens, Joanna Cacao	8	8	9	9	9	14	
Atana and the Firebird, Vivian Zhou	7	7	7	8	9		
Carson of Venus, Ronn Sutton	7	7	7	7			
Cosmic Detective, Jeff Lemire and Matt Kindt	5	5	5				
Wychwood, Ally Rom Colthoff	4	4					
No Award	1						
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	2	4	8	10	12

No Award Test: 33 ballots ranked **A Call to Cthulhu** higher than **No Award**

1 ballot ranked **No Award** higher than **A Call to Cthulhu**

**A Call to Cthulhu** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

It Never Rains, Kari Maaren	17	17	17	17	19	23
Atana and the Firebird, Vivian Zhou	8	8	8	11	14	20
The Secret of the Ravens, Joanna Cacao	8	8	9	11	11	
Carson of Venus, Ronn Sutton	9	9	9	9		
Cosmic Detective, Jeff Lemire and Matt Kindt	6	6	7			
Wychwood, Ally Rom Colthoff	4	4				
No Award	1					
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	3	5	9	10

## Third Place

Atana and the Firebird, Vivian Zhou	15	15	15	22	23
Cosmic Detective, Jeff Lemire and Matt Kindt	9	9	10	11	15
Carson of Venus, Ronn Sutton	10	10	10	10	
The Secret of the Ravens, Joanna Cacao	9	9	10		
Wychwood, Ally Rom Colthoff	4	4			
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	3	5	10

**Best Poem/Song** (63 ballots)

## First Place

“Awakening”, Tiffany Morris	13	13	17	18	19	32
“Scarecrow”, David Shultz	19	19	19	19	21	24
“predictive text”, Dominik Parisien	9	9	11	16	19	
“As a, I want to, so I can”, Kelley Tai	9	9	9	9		
“Lying Flat”, Lynne Sargent	7	7	7			
“A Siren’s Call, A Banshee’s Wail, A Grandmother’s Dream”, Ai Jiang	6	6				
No Award	0					
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	0	1	4	7

No Award Test: 47 ballots ranked “*Awakening*” higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than “*Awakening*”

“*Awakening*” confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

“Scarecrow”, David Shultz	22	22	22	22	27
“predictive text”, Dominik Parisien	13	13	15	23	26
“As a, I want to, so I can”, Kelley Tai	10	10	11	12	
“Lying Flat”, Lynne Sargent	9	9	11		
“A Siren’s Call, A Banshee’s Wail, A Grandmother’s Dream”, Ai Jiang	6	6			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	1	3	7

## Third Place

“predictive text”, Dominik Parisien	14	14	16	26
“As a, I want to, so I can”, Kelley Tai	16	16	20	21
“Lying Flat”, Lynne Sargent	12	12	15	
“A Siren’s Call, A Banshee’s Wail, A Grandmother’s Dream”, Ai Jiang	11	11		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	2	4

**Best Related Work** (85 ballots)

## First Place

Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction: Volume One, Stephen Kotowych	34	34	39	42	51
Skin Thief: Stories, Suzan Palumbo	18	18	19	20	27
No One Will Come Back for Us and Other Stories, Premee Mohamed	17	17	17	18	
On Spec Magazine, Diane L. Walton	9	9	9		
GAME ON!, Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi	7	7			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	1	5	7

No Award Test: **71** ballots ranked **Year's Best** higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Year's Best**

**Year's Best** confirmed as the winner

Second Place (tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Skin Thief: Stories, Suzan Palumbo	22	22	26	29
No One Will Come Back for Us and Other Stories, Premee Mohamed	24	24	25	29
On Spec Magazine, Diane L. Walton	14	14	17	
GAME ON!, Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi	14	14		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	6	16



**Best Cover Art/Interior Illustration** (72 ballots)

## First Place

Augur Magazine, Issue 6.1, Lorna Antoniazzi	13	13	15	16	22	34
Green Fuse Burning, Chief Lady Bird	20	20	20	20	24	28
Endless Library - Fantasy, Marco Marin	14	14	15	17	21	
Tales & Feathers Magazine, Issue 1, Jade Zhang	13	13	14	15		
The Passion of Ivan Rodriguez, Kayla Kowalyk	6	6	7			
The Machines That Make Us, Brent Nichols	6	6				
No Award	0					
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	1	4	5	10

No Award Test: 53 ballots ranked **Augur Magazine, Issue 6.1** higher than **No Award**

0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Augur Magazine, Issue 6.1**

**Augur Magazine, Issue 6.1** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

Green Fuse Burning, Chief Lady Bird	22	22	22	23	34
Endless Library - Fantasy, Marco Marin	17	17	17	22	29
Tales & Feathers Magazine, Issue 1, Jade Zhang	17	17	17	20	
The Machines That Make Us, Brent Nichols	7	7	12		
The Passion of Ivan Rodriguez, Kayla Kowalyk	6	6			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	1	4	6

## Third Place

Tales & Feathers Magazine, Issue 1, Jade Zhang	29	29	29	33
Endless Library - Fantasy, Marco Marin	20	20	20	26
The Machines That Make Us, Brent Nichols	11	11	16	
The Passion of Ivan Rodriguez, Kayla Kowalyk	7	7		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	2	8

**Best Fan Writing and Publication** (63 ballots)

## First Place

Polar Borealis Magazine, edited by R. Graeme Cameron	21	21	24	24	30
Maria's Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Short Fiction Roundup, Maria Haskins	20	20	21	22	26
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	10	10	11	13	
The Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	7	7	7		
Polar Starlight Magazine, edited by Rhea E. Rose	5	5			
No Award	0				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	0	4	7

No Award Test: 45 ballots ranked **Polar Borealis Magazine** higher than **No Award**  
 0 ballots ranked **No Award** higher than **Polar Borealis Magazine**  
**Polar Borealis Magazine** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

Maria's Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Short Fiction Roundup, Maria Haskins	22	22	23	30
Polar Starlight Magazine, edited by Rhea E. Rose	17	17	17	19
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	11	11	13	
The Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	7	7		
No Award	0			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	4	8

## Third Place

Polar Starlight Magazine, edited by Rhea E. Rose	23	23	24
Young People Read Old SFF, edited by James Davis Nicoll	17	17	20
The Travelling TARDIS, Jennifer Desmarais	10	10	
No Award	0		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		0	6

**Best Fan Related Work** (59 ballots) –

## First Place

ephemera Reading Series, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert,	23	23	23	28	31
When Words Collide, Randy McCharles	18	18	19	20	21
Scintillation 4, Jo Walton and René Walling	9	9	9	9	
Sip & Read / Sip & Social @ Librairie Saga Bookstore, Mathieu Lauzon-Dicso	7	7	7		
The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett	1				
No Award	1				
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	1	2	7

No Award Test: 41 ballots ranked **ephemera Reading Series** higher than **No Award**

1 ballot ranked **No Award** higher than **ephemera Reading Series**

**ephemera Reading Series** confirmed as the winner

## Second Place

When Words Collide, Randy McCharles	21	21	23	26
Scintillation 4, Jo Walton and René Walling	12	12	13	19
Sip & Read / Sip & Social @ Librairie Saga Bookstore, Mathieu Lauzon-Dicso	11	11	12	
The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett	5	5		
No Award	1			
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	2	5

## Third Place

Scintillation 4, Jo Walton and René Walling	14	14	21
Sip & Read / Sip & Social @ Librairie Saga Bookstore, Mathieu Lauzon-Dicso	14	14	16
The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett	12	12	
No Award	1		
Exhausted (no remaining candidates selected)		1	4

**Nominations:** The following lists contain works that received at least 5 nominations. They have been sorted in rank order by the most nominations. Only items above the solid line separator may be referred to as “Aurora Nominees” or “Aurora Finalists”. Spelling and wording of nominees are based on the original eligibility lists.

### Nominations by Province

**Note 1:** There were 3 nominations from Canadians living outside of Canada. A total of 239 CSFFA members nominated. There was a total of 425 paid CSFFA members after voting closed.

#### Nominations

Province	Nominators	Percent
BC	17	7.1%
Alberta	49	20.5%
Saskatchewan	3	1.3%
Manitoba	4	1.7%
Ontario	138	57.7%
Quebec	7	2.9%
Nova Scotia	4	1.7%
New Brunswick	1	0.4%
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	0.4%
NWT	0.0	0.0%
I do not live in Canada (expats)	3	1.3%
Location not entered	12	5.0%

#### Paid CSFFA members

Province/Territory	Members	Percent
BC	44	10.4%
Alberta	75	17.6%
Saskatchewan	6	1.4%
Manitoba	7	1.6%
Ontario	221	52.0%
Quebec	14	3.3%
New Brunswick	1	0.2%
Nova Scotia	8	1.9%
Prince Edward Island	0	0.0%
Newfoundland and Labrador	2	0.5%
Yukon	0	0.0%
Northwest Territories	0	0.0%
Nunavut	0	0.0%
I do not live in Canada (expats)	7	1.6%
Location not Entered	40	9.4%

**Best Novel**

- 31 The Marigold, Andrew F. Sullivan (ECW Press)
- 29 Moon of the Turning Leaves, Waubgeshig Rice (Random House Canada)
- 27 The Valkyrie, Kate Heartfield (HarperCollins Publishers)
- 25 Bad Cree, Jessica Johns (HarperCollins Canada)
- 24 Silver Nitrate, Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Random House Worlds)
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- 23 The Passion of Ivan Rodriguez, Hayden Trenholm (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 22 The Downloaded, Robert J. Sawyer (Audible Canada)
- 22 VenCo, Cherie Dimaline (Random House of Canada)
- 19 Gathering of Ghosts, Susan Forest (Laksa Media Groups)
- 15 Oath Breaker, Marie Bilodeau (S&G Publishing)
- 14 Season One: Iris and the Crew Tear Through Space!, Cait Gordon (Renaissance)
- 13 The House of Saints, Derek KÃ¼nsken (Rebellion Publishing Ltd)
- 13 The Winter Knight, Jes Battis (ECW Press)
- 12 Watcher of the Woods, Skyla Dawn Cameron (self-published)
- 11 An Abyss for the Ashes, Danny F. Santos (Self-Published)
- 11 Episode Thirteen, Craig DiLouie (Red Hook)
- 11 Sorrow & Shroud, James Downe (Self-Published)
- 10 The Bone Shard War, Andrea Stewart (Orbit)
- 9 Green Corrosion, Costi Gurgu (Kult Books)
- 9 The Nightingale's Tooth, Sally McBride (Brain Lag)
- 8 The Gravity of Guilt, Timothy Reynolds (Cometcatcher Press)
- 8 The Handyman Method, Nick Cutter & Andrew F. Sullivan (Gallery / Saga Press)
- 8 Camp Zero, Michelle Min Sterling (Knopf Canada)
- 8 A Tidy Armageddon, BH Panhuyzen (ECW Press)
- 8 Daughters of Tith, J. Patricia Anderson (Root of the World Publishing)
- 8 Shadow Matter, S. W. Mayse (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 8 Shanghai Immortal, A.Y. Chao (Hodder & Stoughton)
- 7 Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries, Heather Fawcett (Random House Worlds)
- 7 The Wings of Ashtaroth, Steve Hugh Westenra (Steve Hugh Westenra)
- 7 A Curse of Krakens, Kevin Hearne (Del Rey)
- 7 The Collection of Jacqueline Melrose - Remember, Michael Gillett (Self Published)
- 7 Girlfriend on Mars, Deborah Willis (Penguin Random House Canada)
- 7 Hunting a Sea-Glass Heart, Carolyn Charron (Renaissance Press)
- 7 The Infinite, Ada Hoffmann (Watkins Media)
- 6 For the First Time, Again, Sylvain Neuvel (Tor Publishing Group)
- 6 Djinn, Craig DiLouie (ZING Communications)
- 6 The Erstwhile Tyler Kyle, Steve Hugh Westenra (Steve Hugh Westenra)
- 6 The Lost Cause, Cory Doctorow (Tor Publishing Group)
- 6 A Thousand Li: the Third Cut, Tao Wong (Starlit Publishing)
- 5 Shards of Glass, Michelle Sagara (MIRA Books)
- 5 The Earthborn, Arlene F. Marks (Brain Lag)
- 5 Queen of Swords, Jamieson Wolf (Wolf Flow Press)
- 5 The Death I Gave Him, Em X. Liu (Rebellion Publishing Ltd)

**Best YA Novel**

- 20 The Crystal Key: The Dream Rider Saga, Book 2, Douglas Smith (Spiral Path Books)  
20 Funeral Songs for Dying Girls, Cherie Dimaline (Tundra Book Group)  
19 Flower and Thorn, Rati Mehrotra (St. Martin's Publishing Group)  
18 The Stars of Mount Quixx, S.M. Beiko (ECW Press)  
17 The Grimmer, Naben Ruthnum (ECW Press)
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- 12 Blackmeadow Abbey, Jane Glatt (Tyche Books Ltd.)  
11 The Everlasting Road, Wab Kinew (Tundra Book Group)  
10 Queen Among the Dead, Lesley Livingston (Zando)  
10 Black Hole Radio - Labyrinthia, Ann Birdgenaw (DartFrog Books)  
9 The Great Outer Dark, David Neil Lee (Wolsak and Wynn Publishers)  
9 Into the Magic - Book 1 of Fay's Antiques, David T E Foster (Headspring Publications)  
9 Someone is Always Watching, Kelley Armstrong (Tundra books)  
7 The Mystery of the Dancing Lights, Eric Desmarais (Renaissance Press)  
7 Tiger Lily and the Secret Treasure of Neverland, Cherie Dimaline (Disney Book Group)  
6 Delicious Monsters, Liselle Sambury (Margaret K. McElderry Books)  
6 The Song of Wrath, Sarah Raughley (Margaret K. McElderry Books)  
6 Seven Faceless Saints, M.K. Lobb (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)  
5 Izzy at the End of the World, K.A. Reynolds (HarperCollins)  
5 The Portal Keeper, David A. Robertson (Tundra Book Group)  
5 House of Ash and Bone, Joel A. Sutherland (Tundra)  
5 Curious Tides, Pascale Lacelle (Margaret K. McElderry Books)

**Best Novelette/Novella**

- 38 Untethered Sky, Fonda Lee (Tor Publishing Group)
- 27 I AM AI, Ai Jiang (Shortwave Publishing)
- ~~25 Linghun, Ai Jiang (Dark Matter INK) — Excluded: only one work per category by an author~~
- 21 Green Fuse Burning, Tiffany Morris (Stelliform Press)
- 18 Pluralities, Avi Silver (Atthis Arts)
- 17 The Most Strongest Obeah Woman of the World, Nalo Hopkinson (Out There Screaming: An Anthology of New Black Horror (ed., Jordan Peele & John Joseph Adams; Random House))
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- 16 Horsewoman, A.M. Dellamonica (Uncanny)
- 16 Ivy, Angelica Bay, C. L. Polk (tor.com)
- 13 Cold Cuts in Cannibal Quarter, Chadwick Ginther (Stranger Fiction)
- 13 Tears Down the Wall, Michele Laframboise (Asimov's Sept.-Oct. 2023)
- 13 John Hollowback and the Witch, Amal El-Mohtar (The Book of Witches: An Anthology (Harper Voyager, ed., Jonathan Strahan))
- 12 A New Garden, AGA Wilmot (Fusion Fragment)
- 11 Woman Into Cloud, Rebecca Hirsch Garcia (The Girl Who Cried Diamonds & Other Stories, by Rebecca Hirsch Garcia (ECW))
- 10 The Nameless Restaurant, Tao Wong (Starlit Publishing)
- 10 Dehiscent, Ashley Deng (Tenebrous Press)
- 10 Your Blood and Bones, J. Patricia Anderson (Root of the World Publishing)
- 9 Your Great Mother Across the Salt Sea, Kelsey Hutton (Beneath Ceaseless Skies)
- 9 The Faraway Club, Sally McBride (Brain Lag)
- 7 The Suns of War, Eric Desmarais (JenEric Designs)
- 7 Even If Such Ways Are Bad, Rich Larson (Tor / Reactor.com)
- 7 Heart of Gold, Lisa Timpf (Cosmic Crime March 2023 (Hiraeth Publishing))
- 7 Hamlet, Prince of Robots, M. Darusha Wehm (in potentia press)
- 7 Knight of Everdome (novelette at the end of "Crushing It"), Jen Desmarais (Renaissance Press)
- 6 If Found, Return to Hell, Em X. Liu (Rebellion / Solaris)
- 6 Cocktails & Chloroform, Kelley Armstrong (K.L.A. Fricke Inc)
- 5 Ghost 19, Simone St. James (Penguin Publishing Group)

**Best Short Story**

- 21 Sink Your Sorrows to the Sea, Chandra Fisher (Saltwater Sorrows, Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 11 Once Upon a Time at The Oakmont, P.A. Cornell (Fantasy Magazine)
- 11 If I Should Fall Behind, Douglas Smith (The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction)
- 10 At Every Door A Ghost, Premea Mohamed (MIT Press)
- 10 The Dust Bowl Cafe, Justin Dill (Augur Magazine)
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- 9 Oregon Shooters, Douglas Smith (On Spec #124)
- 9 The Man Who Wished Away Everyone, Y.M. Pang (Heretic: A One-Shot Anthology of Speculative Fiction)
- 9 The Princess Network, Niall Spain (Dragonesque, Zombies Need Brains)
- 8 Ammaâ Kitchen, Rati Mehrotra (The Deadlands)
- 8 Dead Man's Hand, Mike Rimar (GAME ON!, eds. Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi (Zombies Need Brains))
- 8 The Erotic Adventures of Athena and Aphrodite, Don Miasek (Heretic: A One-Shot Anthology of Speculative Fiction)
- 8 A Breath After Dying, Sally McBride (The Fragrance of Orchids and Other Stories (Brain Lag))
- 8 Autonomous, Brent Nichols (The Machines That Make Us, Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 8 Me. Myself & I - The Adventures of Flick Gibson: Intergalactic Videographer, Peter G. Reynolds (On Spec Magazine #124 (The Copper Pig Writing Society))
- 8 'Twas the Snatching Before Christmas, Eric Desmarais (JenEric Designs)
- 7 Beat the Haunted House, Melissa Yi (GAME ON!, eds. Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi (Zombies Need Brains))
- 6 Svitla, AD Sui (Embroidered Worlds - Ukrainian Fantastic Fiction)
- 6 Bubba's Turn at Bat, Celeste A. Peters (The Machines That Make Us, Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 6 Limbs, Waugbeshig Rice (Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology (Vintage Books/Random House))
- 6 Imagine Yourself Happy, Premea Mohamed (Small Wonders Magazine)
- 6 Wolf Mother, Shantell Powell (Augur Magazine)
- 5 Mother's Teeth, E. L. Chen (The Dark)
- 5 Apostate's Axiom, Danny F. Santos (Heretic: A One-Shot Anthology of Speculative Fiction)
- 5 Random Access Memory, Eric Choi (GAME ON!, eds. Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi (Zombies Need Brains))
- 5 Body In a Box, Rebecca Hirsch Garcia (HAD)
- 5 Wapnintu's tijig: They Sang Until Dawn, Tiffany Morris (Podcastle)
- 5 Dear Poh Poh, Melissa Ren (Factor Four Magazine)
- 5 Quietus, Premea Mohamed (No One Will Come Back for Us and Other Stories (Undertow))
- 5 Hello., Kevin Weir (The Machines That Make Us, Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 5 Solitaire for Three, James Alan Gardner (GAME ON!, eds. Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi (Zombies Need Brains))
- 5 How to Breathe Water, D.A. Straith (Augur Magazine (Issue 6.2))
- 5 The Canadian Miracle, Cory Doctorow (Tor.com)
- 5 You, Neverland, and I, Vivian (Xiao Wen) Li (Heartlines Spec)
- 5 A Billion Miles From What Was Home, Phoebe Barton (This Side of the Divide: New Lore of the American West)



**Best Graphic Novel**

- 17 It Never Rains, Kari Maaren (Webcomic)  
 10 Wychwood, Ally Rom Colthoff (webcomic)  
 9 Atana and the Firebird, Vivian Zhou (HarperCollins)  
 8 Cosmic Detective, Jeff Lemire and Matt Kindt (image comics)  
 7 The Secret of the Ravens, Joanna Cacao (HarperCollins)  
 7 Carson of Venus, Martin Powell, Ronn Sutton and Maggie Lopez (Weekly webcomic - Edgar Rice Burroughs' Inc.)  
 7 A Call to Cthulhu, Norm Konyu (Penguin / Random House)
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- 6 The Last Days of Black Hammer, Jeff Lemire (Dark Horse Comics)  
 5 Harvey Knight's Odyssey, Nick Maandaag (Drawn and Quarterly)

**Best Poem/Song**

- 10 A Siren's Call, A Banshee's Wail, A Grandmother's Dream, Ai Jiang (Uncanny Magazine)  
 8 Lying Flat, Lynne Sargent (Strange Horizons)  
 8 Scarecrow, David Shultz (Polar Starlight #9)  
 7 predictive text, Dominik Parisien (Augur)  
 7 Awakening, Tiffany Morris (Nightmare Magazine)  
 7 As a, I want to, so I can, Kelley Tai (Heartlines Spec)
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- 6 Limitless, Lynne Sargent (Heartlines)  
 6 Alien Candy, James Grotkowski (Polar Starlight #9)  
 6 After Eternity, Carolyn Clink (Polar Starlight #10)  
 6 Hora Somni, Tiffany Morris (Uncanny Magazine)  
 5 Sisyphus, Mid-Flight, Leah Bobet (The Deadlands Issue #30)  
 5 The Distance Between Us, Rati Mehrotra (Fantasy Magazine)  
 5 Ten-Four, Rhonda Parrish (Polar Borealis Magazine #27)  
 5 Death Comes Calling, Colleen Anderson (Eternal Haunted Summer, Winter Solstice)  
 5 An Introvert on Arnorsbidde, Lynne Sargent (Polar Starlight #11)  
 5 Love Poem: Phoenix, Therese Maison Pierre (Uncanny Magazine)

**Best Related Work**

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- 57 Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction: Volume One, Edited by Stephen Kotowych (Ansible Press)
- 38 On Spec Magazine, Diane L. Walton, Managing Editor (The Copper Pig Writers' Society)
- 34 No One Will Come Back for Us and Other Stories, Premee Mohamed (Undertow Publications)
- 21 GAME ON!, Edited by Stephen Kotowych & Tony Pi (Zombies Need Brains)
- 21 Skin Thief: Stories, Suzan Palumbo (Neon Hemlock Press)
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- 20 Her Body Among Animals, Paola Ferrante (Book\*hug Press)
- 18 The Machines That Make Us, Chris Patrick Carolan, Renee Bennett, Michael Gillett, Dan M. Hampton, and D. E. Wright (eds.) (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 18 Weird Horror Magazine #6 and #7, Michael Kelly (Undertow Publications)
- 17 Jade Shards, Fonda Lee (Subterranean Press)
- 17 Mighty: An Anthology of Disabled Superheroes, Edited by Emily Gillespie and Jennifer Lee Rossman (Renaissance)
- 16 Saltwater Sorrows, Rhonda Parrish (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 14 Hexagon Magazine #12-#15, JW Stebner (Hexagon Magazine)
- 13 The Girl Who Cried Diamonds & Other Stories, Rebecca Hirsch Garcia (ECW Press)
- 11 Innocuous Comments on Muffins, Brandon Crilly (Personal Canons Cookbook)
- 11 Fusion Fragment #15-#19, Cavan Terrill (Fusion Fragment)
- 11 Amazing Stories, Lloyd Penney, editor-in-chief (Experimenter Publishing)
- 10 Heretic: A One-Shot Anthology of Speculative Fiction, David F. Shultz (TDotSpec)
- 10 What Draws Us Near, Keith Cadieux and Adam Petrash (Little Ghosts Books)
- 8 New Edge Sword and Sorcery, #1-2, Oliver Brackenbury (Brackenbury Books)
- 8 The Science Fiction Tarot, Brandon Butler (SFF Toronto (in association with))
- 8 Khyber, Chadwick Ginter (Stranger Fiction)
- 7 State of the Ark: Canadian Futurefiction, Lesley Choyce, ed. (Pottersfield Press)
- 7 Blood from the Air, Gemma Files (Grimscribe Press)
- 7 Solstice in Purgatory, Robert Bose, Sarah L. Pratt, and Rebecca Piazza (The Seventh Terrace)
- 6 The Fragrance of Orchids and Other Stories, Sally McBride (Brain Lag)
- 6 Owning the Unknown: A Science Fiction Writer Explores Atheism, Agnosticism, and the Idea of God, Robert Charles Wilson (Pitchstone Publishing)

**Best Cover Art/Interior Illustration**

- 21 Augur 6.1 cover art, Lorna Antoniazzi (Augur Magazine)
- 16 Green Fuse Burning Cover Art, Chief Lady Bird (Stelliform Press)
- 15 Tales & Feathers #1 cover art, Jade Zhang (Augur Magazine)
- 13 The Machines That Make Us, Brent Nichols (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 13 Augur 6.2 cover art, Lorna Antoniazzi (Augur Magazine)
- 11 The Passion of Ivan Rodriguez, Kayla Kowalyk (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 11 Endless Library - Fantasy & Endless Library - Fantasy (interior artwork), Marco Marin (Ulmo)  
(Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science Fiction: Volume One, ed. Stephen Kotowych  
(Ansible Press))
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- 10 Sci-fi 1 & Fantasy 1 (interior artwork), Herman Lau (Year's Best Canadian Fantasy and Science  
Fiction: Volume One, ed. Stephen Kotowych (Ansible Press))
- 9 Heartlines Spec, interior illustrations for Issue 1, Emily Yu (Heartlines Spec)
- 8 Pluralities, Lorna Antoniazzi (Atthis Arts)
- 8 The Watchers, Swati Chavda (Polar Borealis #27)
- 8 Saltwater Sorrows, Kayla Kowalyk (Tyche Books Ltd.)
- 8 Mighty: An Anthology of Disabled Superheroes, Nathan Frechette (Renaissance)
- 7 For Woman Wild, Grace P. Fong (Uncanny Magazine)
- 7 Worlds of Possibility, Grace P. Fong (Worlds of Possibility)
- 7 Hexagon Year Three Anthology Cover, Stefan Tosheff (Hexagon)
- 7 You Are My Sunshine and Other Stories Cover Art, Rachel Yu Lobbenberg (Stelliform Press)
- 7 A Dream Wants Waking, Michel Vrana (Wolsak and Wynn Publishers)
- 7 Season One: Iris and the Crew Tear Through Space! (Cover art and interior images.), Cait  
Gordon (Renaissance)
- 6 Spiderclock, Kasia Runtë© (Polar Starlight #8)
- 6 Dragonwitch, Kari-Ann Anderson (Polar Borealis #24)
- 6 Green Fuse Burning Interior Illustrations, Kaija Heitland (Stelliform Press)
- 6 Angler Bot, Lynne Taylor Fahnestalk & Steve Fahnestalk (On Spec #125)
- 6 Ice Princess, Kari-Ann Anderson (Polar Starlight #12)
- 5 The Mystery of the Dancing Lights, Nathan Frechette (Renaissance Press)
- 5 Golem, Kasia Runte (Polar Starlight #9)
- 5 Issue 1 Cover Art, Alice M (Heartlines Spec)

**Best Fan Writing and Publication**

- 40 Polar Borealis Magazine issues #24 to #27, R. Graeme Cameron (R. Graeme Cameron)
- 24 ~~Jo Walton's Reading List, Jo Walton (Tor / Reactor)~~ – withdrawn due to work was paid not fan
- 23 Polar Starlight Magazine issues #8 to #12, Rhea E. Rose (R. Graeme Cameron)
- 17 The Travelling TARDIS, Jen Desmarais (JenEric Designs)
- 16 Maria's Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror Short Fiction Roundup, Maria Haskins (Self-published)
- 16 Young People Read Old Science Fiction, James Davis Nicoll (James Davis Nicoll)
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- 11 JenEric Movie Reviews, Eric Desmarais (JenEric Designs)
- 11 James Nicoll Reviews, James Davis Nicoll (James Davis Nicoll)
- 10 Meet Me at the Bar, Mary Sanche (Heartlines Spec, Issue 2)
- 7 Rematriation: Decolonial Witches Fight the Patriarchy, Shantell Powell (CAROUSEL Magazine)
- 6 Truth and the Cultic: Let's get properly postmodern, Simon McNeil (simonmcneil.com)
- 6 Opuntia issues #541 to #562, Dale Speirs (Dale Speirs)
- 5 Magic and Lawlessness, Simon McNeil (simonmcneil.com)
- 5 SideTreked - August 2023 issue, Stephanie Hanna & Mark C. Ambrogio (Science Fiction London (Ontario))

**Best Fan Related Work**

- 66 ~~Can\*Con, Marie Bilodeau, Chair (Ottawa's speculative literary convention, hosted live and virtually in 2023.)~~ – chair requested that this work be withdrawn due to numerous past wins
- 40 When Words Collide, Randy McCharles (chair) (Organization)
- 36 ephemera reading series, KT Bryski and Jen R. Albert (Ephemera Collective)
- 25 The Worldshapers Podcast, Edward Willett (Edward Willett)
- 17 Sip & Read / Sip & Social @ Librairie Saga Bookstore, Mathieu Lauzon-Dicso (bookstore owner) (Series of weekly gatherings at Montreal's Sci-Fi/Fantasy bookstore with readers, authors, illustrators, translators, etc.)
- 16 Scintillation 4, Jo Walton (Montreal)
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- 15 Anime North, Donald Simmons (Event Organizer)
- 15 Pemmi-Con (NASFiC 15, Winnipeg), Linda- Ross-Mansfield, Robbie Bourget, co-chairs (Fifteenth North American Science Fiction Convention)
- 14 Two Old Farts Talk Sci-Fi, David Clink and Troy Harkin (podcast every other Saturday in 2023 (season 4 episode 2 thru season 5 episode 7))
- 11 Pegasus Flight School: Kindergarten education through genre media, Jen and Adrien (age 4) Desmarais (JenEric Designs)
- 9 Argo Bookshop author chats, AE Provost and Moti Lieberman (n/a (author chats - in person and online))
- 8 On the Write Track Podcast, Emily Varga and Sarah M Rana (Biweekly podcast (Episode 17 with Fonda Lee))