

# Ageless Authors Awards Bivona Prize for Best Senior Writing of 2018

*Colorado Man Takes Top Prize As Organization of Writers Age 65 And Older Accepts Submissions to New Writing Contest*

DALLAS, TX, UNITED STATES, December 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Ageless Authors has awarded its top international prize for writing to a Denver-area essayist and magazine journalist.

The first annual Bivona Prize, given for bold, adventuresome writing by a senior writer age 65 or older, has been awarded to Hugh Gardner of Idledale, Colorado for the essay *Moon of the Popping Trees*.

Mr. Gardner, 75, is a semi-retired social scientist and former investigative journalist, political consultant, conservationist, and fly fishing adventure writer. Over the years, his articles have appeared in *Esquire*, *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *Mother Jones*, *Rolling Stone*, *Human Behavior*, and *Playboy*.

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His doctoral dissertation was published by St. Martin's Press as *The Children of Prosperity*, a study of counter-culture communes in the 1970s. More than a hundred of his fishing stories have been published in *The Rocky Mountain News*, *The Angling Report*, *Rocky Mountain Streamside*, and *Wild on the Fly*.

*Moon of the Popping Trees* was the top submission to the 2018 Ageless Authors International Writing Contest in the category of family stories. “This essay is a masterful piece of work that succeeds on so many levels,” says Larry Upshaw, Executive Director of Ageless Authors.

The organization is accepting submissions now for its 2019 writing contest. Go to [agelessauthors.com/current-contests/](http://agelessauthors.com/current-contests/) for more information or to submit your work.

Ageless Authors is the only organization dedicated exclusively to the promotion of senior writers age 65 and older. The Bivona Prize is named for the group's co-founder, the late novelist and poet Ginnie Siena Bivona. Ms. Bivona and Mr. Upshaw created Ageless Authors to encourage older writers to be creative into their later years.

Ms. Bivona started writing in her late 40s, after raising five children. Her first novel, *Ida Mae Tutweiler and the Traveling Tea Party*, was made into the 2009 made-for-TV movie, *Bound By A Secret*. Recent releases include a collection of short stories, *The Secret Lives of Ordinary Women*,



Writers age 65 and older are eligible for the coveted Bivona Prize for bold writing.

and Reality Check, the Work of a Part-time Poet. She also wrote a humorous cookbook titled The Seductive Chef, A Cookbook & More for Lovers and Notes from a Chameleon, Sort of a Memoir, a finalist in the 2008 Eric Hoffer Awards. Ms. Bivona died last spring at age 87.

The Bivona Prize includes a cash award and publishing of the winning work in the next Ageless Authors Anthology. The first anthology is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [AgelessAuthors.com](https://www.AgelessAuthors.com).

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