

# Writers and Illustrators of the Future Contests Announce Q3 Winners for Year 42

*L. Ron Hubbard Writers and Illustrators of the Future Contests announce third-quarter writing winners and illustrating winners for Year 42 .*

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, October 9, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [L. Ron Hubbard](#) Writers and [Illustrators of the Future](#) Contests announced their third-quarter winners for the 42nd year.

[Writers of the Future](#) Winners (Q3 2025):

- First Place – Michael T. Kuester from Ohio
- Second Place – Elina Kumra from California
- Third Place – Joseph Sidari from Massachusetts

Illustrators of the Future Winners:

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*L. Ron Hubbard, Contest Founder*

- Nathan Deiwert from Indiana
- Abigail Moore from Massachusetts
- Tray Streeter from Utah

In 1985, L. Ron Hubbard wrote in the first volume of the series, “The artist injects the spirit of life into a culture.” Four decades later, and with entries from over 175

countries and winners from 52 of them, his words ring true. As he noted, “The competition is very keen and even dagger sharp.” Contest Director Joni Labaqui congratulated each of the winners by phone, letting them know of their win. Complete lists of Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Silver Honorable Mentions, and Honorable Mentions are available at [writersofthefuture.com/blog](https://writersofthefuture.com/blog).

Winners will attend a weeklong workshop in Hollywood with Contest judges, including leading



L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers and Illustrators of the Future Volume 42 third quarter winners announced.

industry figures, followed by a gala awards ceremony.

Writer Judges: Kevin J. Anderson, Doug Beason, Gregory Benford, Orson Scott Card, Brian Herbert, Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Hugh Howey, Nancy Kress, Katherine Kurtz, Mark Leslie, Todd McCaffrey, Rebecca Moesta, Larry Niven, Jody Lynn Nye, Nnedi Okorafor, Tim Powers, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, Brandon Sanderson, Robert J. Sawyer, Robert Silverberg, Dean Wesley Smith, S.M. Sterling, Sean Williams.

Illustrator Judges: Echo Chernik, Lazarus Chernik, Ciruelo, Vincent Di Fate, Diane Dillon, Bob Eggleton, Craig Elliott, Larry Elmore, Laura Freas Beraha, Brian C. Hailes, Brittany Jackson, Val Lakey Lindahn, Stephan Martinieri, Sergey Poyarkov, Rob Prior, Irvin Rodriguez, Dan dos Santos, Shaun Tan, Tom Wood, Stephen Youll.

The Contests' success is reflected in the achievements of their winners. The 571 Writing Contest winners and published finalists have produced over 8,000 novels and short stories, with sales exceeding 60 million copies. The 418 Illustrating Contest winners have contributed to over 700 books, 500 comics, and 130 major motion pictures, gaming feature films, TV shows, and documentaries.

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