

SEVENTY-TWO AUTHORS SNAG THE FIREBIRD BOOK AWARDS #BookNews

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THE LONELY VAMPIRE synopsis

Myrna Ivester feels unsure of her choices in life until Ileana Vladislava, a lonely vampire, encounters her and changes her life forever.

This folklore horror style novel is about Ileana Vladislava, a vampire who flees Transylvania in 1578 in the midst of eradicating vampires from the region and reestablishes herself in Newcastle upon Tyne, a city in Tyne and Wear, England. Hundreds of years later, Ileana lives out a lonely existence in Wightwick Hall, a castle within the Jesmond Dene woodland valley.

When Ileana sees the young and beautiful Myrna Ivester at a public library, there is something about her that sets her apart from anyone else. She decides to take a risk and transform Myrna into a vampire believing it is her destiny. With the impending threat against the vampires by Claymor, a vampire hunter in the form of a grudge-bearing werewolf, the war between good and evil finds a new battlefield in Newcastle upon Tyne.



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Ann Greyson

January 2021 – Speak Up Talk Radio announced the winners of 2020's fourth quarter FIREBIRD BOOK AWARDS contest. Seventy-two winners were announced in 87 categories.

One of the winning entries was from (Maryland) author (Ann Greyson) whose book titled (*The Lonely Vampire*) won 1st Place in the (Paranormal category).

Authors and publishers from around the world submitted their work to the Firebird Book Awards. A panel of 12 judges within the writing and publishing space then read every book and independently scored each entry according to a set of standardized criteria that evaluates the quality of the writing as well as production aspects. Only entries with the highest of scores are awarded the coveted Firebird.

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Patricia J. Rullo, founder of the Firebird Book Awards, says, "The quality of the entries were stunning and speak to the talent out there that needs a marketing voice. At Speak Up Talk Radio, our mission is to offer radio interviews and podcasting services to help authors expand their reach. In addition to additional prizes, our winners have the opportunity to be interviewed and aired on radio stations, iHeart Radio, Pandora, as well as 50 additional online venues, giving them new ways to speak up and share their work."

Pat adds, "We've included a charitable component to our awards by making all entry fees tax-deductible to the author. In return, we personally make and send handmade fun and whimsical pillowcases to women and children in homeless shelters via Enchanted Makeovers, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. All entry fees fund this project. In this way, authors can get notoriety for their work while doing good for others. It's been such a rewarding venture for everyone."

The Firebird Book Awards run quarterly contests so authors can receive recognition on a timely basis. Authors from all genres, mainstream, independent, and self-published are welcome.



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For the next three weeks, radio promo spots regarding the winning books and authors will air to include terrestrial stations, iHeart, Sirius, Pandora, Spotify, iTunes (now Apple Podcasts), Google Podcasts, and at least 50 other online radio stations that carry the program Speak Up and Stay Alive with host Pat Rullo, which airs Saturdays at 8:30 am on WHKW THE WORD 1220AM Radio of Cleveland, Ohio and Sundays at 2:30pm on WHKW THE ANSWER 1420AM Radio of Cleveland, Ohio.



