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### **Horror Writers Association names 2007 Stoker winners**

The World Horror Convention is always fun. For some of the genre's brightest stars, the convention was even sweeter tonight as the Horror Writers Association handed out the coveted Bram Stoker Awards recognizing superior works of dark fiction published in 2007.

Eight bronze haunted castle statuettes were awarded at this year's World Horror Convention, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. This year's winners are:

#### **Superior Achievement in a NOVEL**

*The Missing* by Sarah Langan

#### **Superior Achievement in a FIRST NOVEL**

*Heart-shaped Box* by Joe Hill

#### **Superior Achievement in LONG FICTION**

"Afterward, There Will be a Hallway" by Gary A. Braunbeck

#### **Superior Achievement in SHORT FICTION**

"The Gentle Brush of Wings" by David Niall Wilson

#### **Superior Achievement in an ANTHOLOGY**

*Five Strokes to Midnight* by Gary A. Braunbeck and Hank Schwaeble

#### **Superior Achievement in a COLLECTION (tie)**

*Proverbs for Monsters* by Michael A. Arnzen

*5 Stories* by Peter Straub

#### **Superior Achievement in NONFICTION**

*The Cryptopedia* by Jonathan Mayberry and David F. Kramer

#### **Superior Achievement in POETRY (tie)**

*Being Full of Light, Insubstantial* by Linda Addison

*Vectors: A Week in the Death of a Planet* by Charlee Jacob and Marge Simon

Works can be recommended by any member of the HWA. Members with Active status then vote works onto a preliminary ballot. From there the field is narrowed to the final ballot and Active members choose the winners from that. The award is named for Bram Stoker, best known as the author of *Dracula*, published in 1897.

Deborah LeBlanc, HWA president, said, "We saw a lot of great work published in 2007. Whether the reader was after long fiction, short fiction, poetry or non-fiction, he had a wealth of good material to choose from. Narrowing the field down and finally choosing the work that is superior in its category is a year long process that our members take very seriously."

LeBlanc added, "The Horror Writers Association is very proud to award the Bram Stoker Awards to this year's winners. In some cases we recognized established professionals, while in others we applauded the work of lesser known authors. We hope winning this award will tell them their hard work is appreciated, and encourage them to keep producing great literature in the horror genre."

HWA also presented its annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Two winners were named this year. They are legendary film director John Carpenter and author Robert Weinberg.

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More information on the Horror Writers Association can be found at [www.horror.org](http://www.horror.org). More information on the World Horror Convention is available at [www.whc2007.org](http://www.whc2007.org).