

AUTHORS JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL FIREBIRD BOOK AWARD CIRCLE OF WINNERS

August 8, 2022 – Speak Up Talk Radio announced the winners of the recent FIREBIRD BOOK AWARDS contest.

One of the winning entries was from Virginia author Elizabeth H. Cottrell, whose book titled *HEARTSPOKEN: How to Write Notes that Connect, Comfort, Encourage, and Inspire* won second place in the Gift Book category.

Authors and publishers from around the world submitted their work to the International Firebird Book Awards. Two judges from a select panel of 23 judges read each book in its entirety and independently scored each entry. All judges commit 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 were awarded the coveted Firebird.

Patricia J. Rullo, founder of the Firebird Book Awards, says, “the number of important entries this quarter exceeded our expectations. This increase allowed us to send even more pillowcases and other handmade gifts to the homeless shelters. The Firebird Book Awards adds a charitable twist that allows the author’s entry fee to be tax-deductible. In return, we personally make and send handmade fun and colorful pillowcases to women and children in homeless shelters via Enchanted Makeovers, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. In this way, authors get notoriety for their work while helping to transform homeless shelters into bright and happy homes. It is a rewarding venture for everyone.”

Pat adds, “our judging panel grew this quarter and includes a diverse group who represent a cross section of ages, cultural heritage, race, religion, gender, and experience. At Speak Up Talk Radio, our mission is to offer authors a welcome place to promote themselves and their books via book awards, podcast awards, radio interviews, audiobook production, voiceover marketing tools, and podcasting services, including our BOOMBANGO HMYGOSHWOW podcast where authors share short but helpful tips with fellow authors.”

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. For additional winning authors, titles, and entry information:

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