

'Jesus Today' named 2013 Christian Book of the Year

The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) presented the 2013 Christian Book Awards, including the Christian Book of the Year Award, at a banquet Monday evening, April 29. The awards were presented during the ECPA Leadership Summit at World Outreach Church outside Nashville.

Jesus Today by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson) took the top prize as the 2013 Christian Book of the Year.

There were 36 finalists in seven categories this year. Each category had five finalists except for Inspiration, which had six due to a tie.

Two other Thomas Nelson (HarperCollins Christian Publishing) titles won last night as well. *Grace* by Max Lucado received the award for Nonfiction, and Jennie Allen topped the New Author category with *Anything*. Another HarperCollins Christian Publishing author, Sally Lloyd-Jones, won the Inspiration category with *Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing* (Zonderkidz/Zondervan).

David C Cook received two awards for *The Action Bible Devotional* by Jeremy V. Jones (Children) and *The Next Target* by Nikki Arana (Fiction).

Tyndale House Publishers won the Bibles category with the *Chronological Life Application Study Bible, NLT* (New Living Translation).

An e-book sampler, which opens with a selection from the Book of the Year and includes excerpts from all 2013 Christian Book Award finalists, was released today. Readers can link to this free resource, available from ECPA's retail partners in a variety of e-reader formats, at .

Established by ECPA in 1978 as the Gold Medallion Book Awards, the Christian Book Awards, recognize the highest quality in Christian books based on excellence in content, literary quality, design and impact.

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