The 71st Annual

Christopher Awards

“It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.”
- Christopher motto -
Dear Friend,

Even though we couldn’t gather together in person this year to celebrate your creativity, we hope you will enjoy this small remembrance of the outstanding work accomplished by you and your fellow Christopher Award winners. At a time when the world needs stories of faith, hope, charity, love and selflessness, your work has provided food for the soul. We applaud your gifts and talents, and wish you many more years of lighting candles in the darkness!

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Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness
(St. Martin’s Press)
by Jennifer Berry Hawes

No Surrender: A Father, a Son, and an Extraordinary Act of Heroism That Continues to Live on Today
(HarperOne/Harper Collins)
by Chris Edmonds and Douglas Century

The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life
(Random House/Penguin Random House)
by David Brooks

What Is a Girl Worth? My Story of Breaking the Silence and Exposing the Truth About Larry Nassar and USA Gymnastics
(Tyndale Momentum)
by Rachael Denhollander

When Life Gives You Pears: The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People
(Grand Central Publishing/Hachette Book Group)
by Jeannie Gaffigan
Books for Young People

Preschool and up
One More Hug
(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing)
by Megan Alexander, illustrated by Hiroe Nakata

Kindergarten and up
Sergeant Billy:
The True Story of the Goat Who Went to War
(Tundra Books/Penguin Random House)
by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Kass Reich

Ages 6 and up
Gittel’s Journey:
An Ellis Island Story
(Abrams Books for Young Readers)
by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Amy June Bates

Ages 8 and up
The Pumpkin War
(Wendy Lamb Books/Penguin Random House)
by Cathleen Young

Ages 10 and up
Crushing the Red Flowers
(IG Publishing)
by Jennifer Voigt Kaplan

Young Adult
A Drop of Hope
(Scholastic Press)
by Keith Calabrese
**A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

(TriStar Pictures)

**Director:** Marielle Heller  
**Screenwriters:** Micah Fitzerman-Blue, Noah Harpster  
**Producers:** Youree Henley, Leah Holzer, Peter Saraf, Marc Turtletaub

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**Just Mercy**

(Warner Bros. Pictures)

**Director:** Destin Daniel Cretton  
**Screenwriters:** Destin Daniel Cretton, Andrew Lanham  
**Based on the book by:** Bryan Stevenson  
**Producers:** Gil Netter, Asher Goldstein, Michael B. Jordan  
**Executive Producers:** Bryan Stevenson, Mike Drake, Nijja Kuykendall, Gabriel Hammond, Daniel Hammond, Scott Budnick, Jeff Skoll, Charles D. King

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**The Peanut Butter Falcon**

(Roadside Attractions)

**Directors:** Tyler Nilson, Michael Schwartz  
**Screenwriters:** Tyler Nilson, Michael Schwartz  
**Producers:** Albert Berger, Christopher Lemoine, Lije Sarki, David Thies, Ron Yerxa, Tim Zajaros  
**Co-Executive Producer:** Matthew J. Malek  
**Executive Producers:** Carmella Casinelli, Manu Gargi, Aaron Scotti, Anthony Shriver, Timothy Shriver, Michelle Sie Whitten
ABC News World News Tonight with David Muir and Nightline:

Return to Normandy

(ABC News)
Correspondent: David Muir
Producers: Esther Castillejo, Robert Henault, Eric Noll, Roy Garlisi
Executive Producers: Almin Karamehmedovic, Steven Baker

America ReFramed:
Perfectly Normal For Me

(World Channel and American Documentary, Inc.)
Director: Catherine Tambini
Producers: Elizabeth Hemmerdinger, Catherine Tambini
Executive Producers: Laverne Berry, Sharon Hite
Supervising Producer for America ReFramed: Carmen L. Vicencio
Executive Producers for America ReFramed: Justine Nagan, Chris White, Christopher Hastings

College Behind Bars

(PBS)
Director: Lynn Novick
Producers: Lynn Novick, Sarah Botstein, Salimah El-Amin, Mariah Doran
Executive Producer: Ken Burns
**Dolly Parton’s Heartstrings: These Old Bones**
(Netflix)

Director: Joe Lazarov
Writer: Jim Strain
Co-Executive Producers: Hudson Hickman, Lisa Melamed, Joe Lazarov
Executive Producers: Dolly Parton, Sam Haskell, Patrick Sean Smith

**I Am Somebody’s Child**
(Lifetime)

Director: Janice Cooke
Writer: Camille Thomasson
Producer: Juliette Hagopian
Co-Executive Producers: Andrea Buchanan, Regina Louise
Executive Producers: Howard Braunstein, Ginnifer Goodwin, Yvonne Chotzen

**Two Turtle Doves**
(Hallmark Movies and Mysteries)

Director: Lesley Demetriades
Writer: Sarah Montana
Based on a Story by: Ian Carroll, Lesley Demetriades, Christine Demetriades
Producer: Kevin Duda
Co-Producer: Devan Towers
Co-Executive Producer: Anthony Fankhauser
Executive Producers: Stan Spry, Eric Woods
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

—attributed to St. Francis of Assisi